

Councillor Reports November 2021

Mayors Report – Cllr Michael Paler

11th November 2021

I have called into the Listening cafe and NHS Lifting and balance session. These run every week and are well attended.

East Cowes Town Council consultation took place over 2 day and was please to answer questions and hear the views of the community.

Levelling up bid has now been granted and public consultation to be arranged.

Wights Shipyards received Queens award for Industries for the ship building. It was good to meet the workforce at the reception. Bright future for the 19 new apprentices with more next year.

Armistice day at Poppy field attended by Queensgate school at Carisbrooke Castle.

Albert cottage held the Red Funnel Isle of Wight Travel Awards. Was good to bring people to East Cowes. Comic Coffee, Waverley Holiday park, John Cattle Skate parks were all local winners at the event.

Best Wishes

Michael

Cllr Reardon report

19th October -waterfront teams meeting

21st October - full council & planning

Friday 29th & Saturday 30th October -public consultation

it was a good turn out and in the main a positive one, the publics ideas will help to shape our decisions for the town going forward.

28th October - Venture Quays update to explain the exciting news of the levelling up award for our town, a public consultation is the next step in the process.

2nd November - Cllr Lake and myself were asked to attend the local WI to talk about the Esplanade project and judge the arts & crafts competition.

11th November - I attended the remembrance dedication at St James's church.

Cllr Cameron Palin - November Report

Town Council Public Consultation

Alongside other councillors we ran the town council consultation event over the 2 days to gain the publics views on what they want their precept spent on in the next financial year. I spoke with may residents about local issues whilst they attended ranging from the community orchard, Floating Bridge 6, Crossways, Saunders Way, EV chargers and schools.

Levelling up Bid

Prior to the town council consultation event I met with the MP Bob Seely, Cabinet Member for Regen Julie Jones-Evans, Director for Regen Chris Ashman and County Councillors to discuss the Successful Levelling up bid. We visited Wight Shipyard and discussed what this means for them and now their ability to grow the work force and maritime sector in East Cowes. We looked at the Barracks building and also the Public Realm area which will all be improved

Saunders Way

I have been working with residents from the Kingslea Park estate in regards to the overgrown vegetation from the overgrown land to the Right of Saunders Way. This area has now been cleared and tidied following my many emails to Barretts and much of the fly-tipping has also been cleared. We are yet to be informed when the completion of Saunders Way will take place but I am ever chasing this issue.

Corporate Scrutiny

As the IWALC representative on Corporate scrutiny I have been looking at many of the decisions that have been coming to cabinet. These include: Regeneration in sandown, Pop up businesses on Council land, Holiday activities and food programme for children, the performance reports of Isle of Wight Council assets, services and facilities.

Floating Bridge

I have been in contact with the cabinet member for Transport, Phil Jordan, and he informs me that FB6 should be back in service at 5am on the 13th of December if all goes to plan. Early next year we expect a decision by Isle of Wight Council about what they are going to do with FB6 and the situation we have been in this last 4 years is untenable. My view hasn't changed, this bridge must go.

Cllr Sharon Lake - November Report

September

Attended The Seaside and Coastal Regeneration conference, Environment and Sustainability forum

October

Attended Environment and Sustainability forum and a visit of Rapanui with Cllr Reardon and Palin to learn about the circular economy and how they have implemented that into their business model.

Site visit of Esplanade with Cllr Reardon, CHC and UKSA regards the slipway project

EC Esplanade project update with Chris Ashman, Dawn Lang and Dave Watts - secured commitment of £25K from IWC towards the cost of the tender for a site supervisor

Met up with Claire Kennard Market Days CIC and Cllr. Reardon to kick-off EC Christmas Market and a collaborative partnership moving forward to secure a regular market within the town.

Attended Waterfront Steering Group and received thanks for our support in helping to secure the levelling up bid funding.

November

Attended EC WI with Cllr Reardon - we gave a presentation of the Esplanade project and judged their Arts and Crafts competition.

Cllr Bob Packham – Southern Water Visit Report

On Thursday 4th November I was invited to have a tour of the Sandown waste water works. I and six other people including Michael Douse and his wife were shown around the waste water works seeing from start to finish.

Southern Water has been bought by Macquaire and they are waiting to find out the future plans for the Isle of Wight. Macquaire has promised Southern Water they will put in more money.

Nineteen waste pumping stations pump sewage to Sandown works to be cleaned. First they take out bags, nappies and other objects and also the smelly biogas. The biogas is used to power an engine that supplies renewable energy to the site. Then the sewage is filtered out first through large metal mesh and again for the second time through fine metal mesh which only water goes through. At this point polyelectrolyte is added to the sewage to make it into a thick cake form and comes out like black peat which is sold as fertilizer to farmers after it has been checked. At this point the cloudy water is now discharged into the sea and all operations are checked twice a day to make sure everything is working ok.

They have stopped making sewage into pellet form on the Isle of Wight because the ground here is not very chalky but still this is done on the mainland.

The staff work 12 hour shifts 3 days a week and have 4 days off and it is maned 365 days a year.

The problem Southern Water has is too much storm water from road drains and surface water is pumped to them at Sandown.