

PAPER B

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2017

21 September

Chairman attended Mayor of Gosport's Civic Day - A rather early start and long day! Welcome pastries and refreshments in the Council Chambers, an excellent private tour of the Submarine Museum via vintage bus. Lunch and some restored Georgian gardens, then onto the most superb and probably so understated 17th Century Village. A living history (NO, REALLY it is!!) called Little Woodham. I could rave on so please have a look at www.littlewoodham.org.uk

23 September

Chairman attended Isle of Wight Day's Parade aboard the bus in Ryde. Lots of people and very well organised at Simeon Street. Well done everyone.

27 September

Chairman attended World Milk Day. Delighted to attend this at the invitation of our fantastic Briddlesford Farm. The Children at Queensgate Primary were really knowledgeable and enjoyed an extra breakfast using fresh milk from the Farm. Well done the Griffin family on keeping dairies here, therefore keeping our Island Green!

28 September

Royal Visit (Earl of Wessex) - was informed I was not required to attend this.

29 September

Chairman attended Carisbrooke Castle Museum, to see the Castle's voluntary staff receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. So many volunteers that keep our magnificent castle going. They truly deserve the award. Delicious scone and jam!

4 October

Chairman attended Lord Lieutenant Awards: Always a worthwhile event, for so many individuals not the Island. Another superb evening. Well done to everyone who received awards, including Cllr Ian Ward!

5 October

Chairman attended Chairman of Hampshire County Councillor Day: Again, a long day. Went and saw THE round table. Lots of walking. Have to say, went and saw Hampshire's Records/Archives Office. I was left speechless and in awe.....it is UTTERLY, utterly incredible. More walking to see Turner exhibition then off to Military Museum; very well laid out and informative talk. Supper which was slightly rushed due to us having to leave to catch the 10.30pm sailing back.....all at my own cost, I may add.....!

7 October

Chairman attended Friends of the Animals Coffee Morning: Everyone knows I love doggies, so delighted to attend and show my support. Such a worthwhile charity and nice to see Cllr Murwell in lots of the publications there!

Chairman attended Summer Reading Challenge Prize Giving Event: A delight to award these young children with certificates and vouchers. As an ex-Librarian, it was a joy to go back to Lord Louis and meet up with the staff; and also see the passion for reading in the children. Super.

11 October

Chairman attended Northwood Cemetery Opening: A £1.7M lottery funded project that I chaired for the first 5 years. The IWC support was both innovative and ground breaking; but to see these two chapels restored, the first municipal natural burial ground, conservation projects, I COULD go on and on.....(I lived opposite for years) and walked my dogs there every day. I have such a vested interest; my plot is bought and paid for!! PLEASE go and look at their website: www.friendsofnorthwoodcemetery.org.uk

12 October

Chairman attended Passchendale Commemoration Service: Honoured to lay a wreath in the beautiful church at Carisbrooke Castle on behalf of the IWC. A lovely service.

13 October

Vice Chairman attended Earl Mountbatten Hospice 35th Anniversary.

16 October

Chairman attended Legal Service at Minster Church of St Thomas Canterbury Newport. Pleased to attend and support this event. It is always useful for 'networking'.

Chairman attended Isle of Wight College Restaurant: Another nice lunch by students at the College, but more importantly a chance to speak with mainland visitors.

19 October

Chairman attended another IW Military Prep College passing out parade. As always totally overwhelmed by such passion and commitment.

20 October

Chairman attended Cowes Heritage Opening of Exhibition, "How well do you know Cowes"; rushed straight from there to Ryde for HARP FESTIVAL at All Saints Church in Ryde. Never heard a Harp live before, and was mesmerised. Go if you get chance next year!

26 October

Chairman attended Your Futures Careers event at the Isle of Wight College. A spectacular event; well done to EVERY PERSON that ensured the open day was the success it was.

27 October

Vice Chairman attended Chairman of Harts Civic Day.

28 October

Chairman attended RBL County Poppy Appeal Launch – Town Square Anglesey Street, Ryde, then Crown Hotel, High Street, Ryde. Due to an oversight, the launch took place in the church with a march through the upper part of the High Street. I was indeed honoured to take part.

Chairman attended RNLI AGM and Lunch at Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes. A quick rush down to the meeting. Lunch (paid for myself) and then a VERY interesting AGM. Also speeded up by reports being sent out prior.

30 October

Chairman attended Aspire in Ryde to announce the Opening of the new Community Hub Centre; an area with computers and space for new social enterprise.

31 October

Chairman hosted Citizenship Ceremony at Seaclose.

Chairman attended Youth Council Forum meeting; nice to meet up with our Youth and happy to support them in all they do. Including voting for 16 year olds!

1 November

Chairman attended opening of the new Ascensos Business in Cowes. A very motivated, energetic company, who I hope has many years employing our residents here. Supper at 19.00 hours with key players that 'made it happen'!

8 November

Chairman attended Remembrance Day walk around.

9 November

Chairman attended Field of Remembrance at Carisbrooke Castle.

12 November

Chairman attended Remembrance Sunday Service at Newport Minster, St Thomas Square. An honour to lay a wreath on behalf of the Island people at this moving service.

Councillor Lora Peacey-Wilcox
Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council