

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2018

9 November

Chairman attended Field of Remembrance at Carisbrooke Castle. A beautiful location for a lovely service. Delighted to attend.

10 November

Chairman attended Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at Shanklin Theatre, Shanklin. First time I have attended, and it was very good. I especially liked the Cadets who read out their family connections and stories from WW1.

12 November

Chairman attended Remembrance Service at St Thomas Church, Newport. A HUGE ATTENDANCE by local people. I cannot remember the church so full!

12 November

Chairman attended Curry Lunch, Remembrance Service at Country Club, St Thomas Square. Paid for by myself! A good chance to catch up and be able to speak to many of the people attending the above service. My thanks to Peter who arranges this event. Delicious curry too!

19 November

Chairman had supper (paid for by myself) with visitors from Coburg. My thanks to the twinning organisation for arranging this visit.

22 November

Chairman opened the new JIGSAW charity shop in Newport High Street. Good luck to the organisation and all volunteers who keep this vital charity going!

22 November

Chairman was delighted to celebrate the success of Southern Vectis and our volunteer drivers that help to keep 'communities connected' with community buses.

1 December

Chairman attended IW Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony 2017 at Cowes Yacht Haven. An excellent night showcasing some of our incredible and very successful businesses on the Island.

2 December

Chairman attended Christmas Light Switch on at Long Lane, Newport. A pleasure to be asked to do the Big Switch On. For over 18 years this couple have 'put their lives on hold' from October - December and have raised THOUSANDS of pounds for local charities. Well done Sue and Terry Ramplin!

5 December

Chairman hosted Citizenship Service at Seaclose. American, Polish and Thai residents.

6 December

Chairman attended Lights of Love Carol Service in aid of the Earl Mountbatten Hospice at St Mary's Church, Brighstone. An incredible event, which EVERYONE should attend at some stage. The most inspirational tree decorations, good, kind people.....delicious hot mulled wine, short carol service! Super.

11 December

Chairman attended Shanklin Theatre, Shanklin to see The Snow Queen. Delighted to attend First Acts' 50th production. My heartfelt thanks and my personal congratulations and THANKS to EACH AND EVERY PERSON that has helped these productions over the years.

12 December

Chairman hosted citizenship for a lovely Polish family, including the 2 children.

13 December

Chairman attended photo call for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards team. Again, credit to our staff that have helped and continue to support this excellent initiative.

15 December

Chairman attended Enchanted Osborne to meet with The Deputy Mayor of Coburg and visitors bringing a 'touch of Coburg' to Osborne. As it was freezing and not too many people, suggested they attend a warmer event in August. The Garlic Farm has offered to host them. My thanks to Debbie Andre from the twinning group for her help and hospitality!

18 December

Chairman attended a very warm welcome from Children in Care Awards at Cowes Yacht Haven. So much energy and enthusiasm at this event. WELL DONE to each of the children that received awards and our Social Workers! Incredible team effort by all staff. Well done.

I wish you all a contented and happy Christmas, with Good Health and Prosperity for 2018!

A personal THANK YOU to everyone that contributes to make our Island incredible.

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