

PAPER B

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY 2019

19 May 2019 11:00 – 14:00

Service of remembrance and thanksgiving, Shanklin Chine. Royal Marine Commandos and VS Rangers, 75th anniversary of D-Day and the 77th anniversary of Dieppe Raid. What a brilliant service, very well attended and it was good to see the veterans there.

23 May 2019 12:00 - 14:00

This was the start of the 200th anniversary celebrations of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. I attended a ceremony at Osborne House where the Duke Of Kent was welcomed by our Lord lieutenant.

24 May 2019 19:00- 21:00

I attended the Civic reception at East Cowes town Hall, the Victoria and Albert exhibition was on display and it was attended by the second Mayor of Coburg along with a delegation of our Coburg Twinning partners who came over to the island for these special celebrations. I must thank East Cowes town council for their hospitality and Councillor Karl Love and his team who organised the whole weekend which was a huge success.

25 May 2019 19:00- 22:30

I attended a concert at Cadogan Hall, Sloane Square London where the Coburg Philharmonic Orchestra was playing, they even performed music written by Prince Albert. Again, the profile of the Isle of Wight was raised and we was mentioned a few times by the speakers which included the Duke of Kent, the German Ambassador and the Mayor of Coburg. This was a fantastic and memorable event.

26 May 2019 11:00-16:00

I took part in the procession that departed from Osborne House at 11 am, along with me was Councillor Lora Peacey-Wilcox In her capacity as Mayor of Cowes. The procession finished on East Cowes Esplanade where there were several stalls, sell goods, the entertainment was great, and the best was the German stall with their fantastic Bratwurst and German Lager. This was a great finish to a brilliant event that lasted all weekend.

2 June 2019 11:00-13:00

Test Valley Borough Civic Service. This was a wonderful service at Romsey Abbey, most Civic heads from Hampshire attended and it was noted that the Island was represented, again, a good network opportunity.

4 June 2019 10:30-11:30.

Citizenship Ceremony. Welcoming new citizens to their newly adopted county and in particular to the Island.

5 June 2019 9:00-16:00

D-Day 75 National Commemorative Event at Southsea Common. This was a very emotional day for all who attended, I met so many veterans and to hear of their experiences on the 6th June 1944 which to many of them is engraved in their memories was an amazing experience. It was an honour and a privilege to represent the island on this memorable day.

5 June 2019 19:00-21:30

D-Day 75 off Ventnor. This was an event organised by St. Albans and "Churches together in Ventnor" commemoration with the RBL. On the evening of the 5th June the liner, MV Boudicca left Portsmouth harbour bound for the Normandy beaches carrying 300 D-Day veterans stood off the coast of Ventnor for 20 minutes before sunset. This was to give Ventnor town the opportunity to mount a series of commemorative events along the foreshore in acknowledgment of the part they played on this historic day in 1944. What a privilege to have been there and represent this council along with our leader and other councillors.

6 June 2019 - 16:00-22:00

CERFCA. Along with our Armed Forces champion, Councillor Ian Ward we attended the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Armed Forces Briefing at the Regimental Headquarters of the Royal Military Police, Southwick Park. Southwick House is home to the infamous D-Day map wall used by General Eisenhower to plan and implement the D-Day landings. There was a D-Day presentation and the briefing was very informative and focused on diversity, inclusion and youth opportunities for reserves and cadets.

7 June 2019 - 18:00-21:00

Dimbola Lodge. I attended the opening of the Iconic David Bowie exhibition at Dimbola Lodge, it was amazing to see so many photographs of David Bowie, some has never been seen by the public and there was a fantastic presentation by photographer. I can recommend this exhibition which is running till the 18th August.

8 June 2019 13:00-15:00

West Wight Men in Sheds. I attended the opening of the West Wight men in sheds newly adapted workshop in Totland. Derek Sandy officiated the opening as this used to be his home ground, some other groups of men in sheds attended and like myself, they were impressed by how organised this group is and the impressive projects they have delivered for their community up to then, I can commend them on their work.

8 June 2019 19:00-22:00

Coburg University Choir At The Wishing Well. This event was arranged by our Coburg Twinning Association and it was a brilliant concert, all of our visitors from Coburg travelled on the same day from Belgium to deliver the show and it was a good opportunity to strengthen ties with our Partners.

14 June 2019 17:00-23:00

Bishop of Portsmouth dinner. This is an annual event and it was another great opportunity for networking with our neighbouring authorities and counterparts. It was

good to touch base with the bishop and I look forward to meeting him again at the 40th anniversary of the Fastnet Service in August.

22 June 2019 10:00-17:00.

Armed Forces Day. This was a fantastic day at Newport Quay, the parade set off from Drill Hall Lane and ended at The Quay. This event was very well organised and well attended, the marching bands were fantastic and to have the Royal Marine Band playing on the island was fantastic.

24 June 2019 09:00-11:30

Flag Raising Ceremony. This year our flag raising ceremony went well and it was well attended, I thank all the councillors who could be there. It is a perfect opportunity to pay our respects to those who paid the highest price for our freedom.

27 June 2019 09:00-17:00

Winchester Civic Day. This was a day when Winchester showcased their city and it was a good opportunity to promote the island. The day included a visit to the IBM research centre which was fantastic and a visit to the historic Winchester College.

28 June 2019 11:00–13:00

PEACH Games Sandown Bay School. It was good to see all the Primary schools from over the island taking part in different games. They all enjoyed the day and to see the competitiveness is inspiring.

29 June 2019 19:00–20.30.

Island art exhibition at the Show Grounds. This was a great exhibition of island talent and I was impressed with how much art we have on the island, We are privileged to have such talent on our island.

30 June 2019 - 13:30-16:00.

Agricultural Show at Northwood. This was a fantastic day and the weather was kind to us, I enjoyed the display by the Royal Household Calvary, what a fantastic performance. I think this show is a treasure and I urge everyone to become members of the society.

2 July 2019 10:30-12:15.

Citizenship Ceremony. This time there were two ceremonies taking place and we welcomed a total of 8 new citizens to our island.

3 July 2019 - 9:30-13:30.

Year 6 Safety Event, Medina Leisure Centre. This event is becoming very popular and all year 6 pupils take part in demonstrations about safety and they take messages away with them that will give them the confidence to start their new high school life with the right frame of mind and determination. I think this is a fantastic event.

3 July 2019 18:00-23:00

Lord Mayor of Portsmouth's Dinner for Chairmen and Mayors across Hampshire. This was another opportunity to raise the profile of the island with my counterparts from the mainland. A brilliant evening and the Island was mentioned a few times and I convinced some of them to visit our island for Cowes Week.

7 July 2019 10:00-12:00.

Newport Minster. The Chairman's annual service went well and it was well attended, thank you to all councillors who attended and my sincere thanks to reverend Kevin Arkell who led the service brilliantly.

9 July 2019

Citizenship Ceremony. Another chance to welcome new citizens who successfully gained their British Citizenship. Only three people this time but it went smoothly as usual. I must commend the staff at the registrars office, they really do a fantastic job.

I would also like to thank all the staff in the office who are working under immense pressure and still deliver a fantastic job.

Lastly, my award for the best report on the Armed Forces Day and the flag raising ceremony go to The Observer. I was impressed on how detailed their reports were. Well done.