



## Winter Edition 2017 from Councillor David Jones – Cowes Town Mayor

Firstly I would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Peaceful New Year. Christmas is now but a memory and even in the middle of winter there is already a welcome hint of longer days to come. Looking back to Christmas I was privileged to be involved in these enjoyable festive events.

### Festive Lights.

This is the second year that Festive Lights have brightened the High Street; this year extending into Birmingham Road as far as fixing points allow. A joint Town Council/Cowes Business Association initiative, it was particularly pleasing that the lights now extend to lower end of Bath Road. Thanks are due to Councillor Mark McNeill and others who identified suitable fixing points; thanks also to Russell and other F W Marsh employees who erected the lights and were on hand to ensure an incident free switch on.

We were honoured by Lady Sally Grylls' acceptance of our invitation to switch on the lights. Her presence brightened up a very damp evening; a fortunate brief break in the rain allowed a smooth switch on. Lady Grylls told the rather small crowd about her charitable work for Dementia UK; in particular the Admiral Nurses - specialist dementia trained nurses who give expert practical, clinical and emotional support to families living with dementia. These specialist nurses work closely with the Earl Mountbatten Hospice, which brings me happily to another enjoyable event, the Lights of Love Carol Service.



### Lights of Love.

A big thankyou to Cowes Methodist Church for hosting the 2016 Lights of Love Carol Service on 8<sup>th</sup> December.



Those present enjoyed a chance to sing well-loved carols and to support the Earl Mountbatten Hospice. As Mayor, it was my very great pleasure to present a cheque for £400 to Rebecca McGregor who represented the Hospice. Rebecca is a former Cowes Town Councillor and Mayor; it was nice to welcome her back to Cowes. The collection on the evening added another £42.70 for the Hospice.

There was a chance to look at the many Christmas trees, the work of local groups and organisations, in the Church's Christmas tree exhibition. I was pleased to see a Cowes Town Council tree (left) artistically assembled by our hard working clerks, Debbie and Kate.

Mention of Christmas trees reminds me of the trees provided by Cowes Town Council. The tree in Francki Place being sponsored by the Painter's Arms and the tree in front of the Vectis Tavern which was fully funded by Red Funnel Ferries. It is expected that the long overdue upgrading of the Cut will be complete by next winter and this could be a venue for the provision of a Town Council tree.

### Update on Cowes Town Council Meetings.

At the October Cowes Town Council meeting, during his Safer Neighbourhood report, PC Dollery reported that Cowes has a new Inspector, Rob Abel and a new Sergeant, Ged Armitage. The police will be moving into the Cowes Fire Station building once the renovations have been completed. This has taken place and is pictured on the next page; note the defibrillator box for use by the public on the wall, which brings me to this update.

### Defibrillator update.

I am pleased to report that your Town Council have been successful in obtaining 3 more defibrillators funded by the British Heart Foundation. We are talking to local businesses in order to provide additional easily accessible defibrillators throughout the town.



**At present Community Defibrillators are available at:**

**Amey House Dental Practice, 4 Terminus Road** – 01983 291863. Opening hours Monday to Thursday 8am to 5pm, Fridays 8am to 4pm.

**Cowes Medical Centre, 200 Newport Road** – 01983 295251. Opening hours Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

**Cowes Enterprise College, Crossfield Avenue** – 01983 203103. Opening hours Monday to Thursday 8am to 5pm, Friday 8am to 3.30pm.

**Cowes Fire Station/Police Station, Victoria Road** – 999. Opening hours are 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

**Island Sailing Club, High Street** – 01983 249430.

Restricted opening hours in the winter - 6am to 5pm Monday to Friday with evening opening Tuesday to Friday inclusive, Saturday 10am to 11pm, Sunday 10am to 6pm

**Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road** – 01983 292238. Opening hours 9am to 11pm each day.

**Lanesend Primary School, Love Lane** – 01983 293233. Opening hours 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

**Park Road Dental Practice, 169 Park Road** – 01983 293771. Opening hours Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm.

**Red Funnel, Red Jet Terminal, High Street** – 02380 724650. Opening hours Monday to Thursday 5.45am to 11.30pm, Friday 5.45am to 12.30am, Saturday 6.15am to 12.30am, Sunday 6.45am to 11.30am.

**Straininstall, Mariners Way** – 01983 203600. Opening hours Monday to Thursday 8am to 5.15pm, Fridays 8am to 1pm

**UKSA, Arctic Road** – 01983 294941. Opening hours are 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Also at the October meeting two members of the public, who are taxi drivers, reported that during Cowes Week the taxi rank adjacent to Marks & Spencer's is withdrawn. It was agreed that the taxi drivers would write to the Town Clerk giving details of the problems they are experiencing and suggestions to resolve their problems. Another member of the public thanked the Town Council for the quarterly newsletter and thanked all the Town Councillors who undertake their role on a voluntary basis. He also raised concerns about vehicles and cyclists using the High Street during the times of the pedestrianised zone. Councillors explained that Cowes Town Council have been trying for four and a half years to take control of the bollards in the High Street and increase the times of the pedestrianised zone. Cowes Town Council continues to work with the Isle of Wight Council and Island Roads on this matter; it remains a case of "watch this space".

The Town Council's cleaning contractor, All Round Cleaners, has offered to keep the Mornington Road toilet block open during the winter months, providing a free cleaning service and only charging for consumables. Councillors were very pleased to accept the proposal and thanked All Round Cleaners for their goodwill gesture.



At the November meeting Kevin Newton from The Bus Shelter IOW Charity gave an interesting verbal presentation to Town Councillors. Mr Newton reported that the charity purchased a bus for the sum of £7,000 in April 2016. The bus is situated in the paddock at Carisbrooke Priory and will be able to accommodate up to 20 rough sleepers on the Island at any one time. The ultimate aim of the charity is to find permanent accommodation for homeless people on the Isle of Wight.

A big issue facing many towns and parishes is the transfer of ownership of public toilets. Conscious of the need to get this right it was agreed that a property lawyer be engaged to work on behalf of Cowes Town Council, in relation to the 'Transfer of Title' documents, to negotiate a suitable agreement with the Isle of Wight Council for full ownership of the four toilet blocks and possibly surrounding areas. This will not happen overnight but residents will be kept informed via these newsletters and the Town Council website.

It was agreed that Cowes Town Council fund a disability access audit of the town centre for the sum of £1,000.00. This will be a comprehensive survey considering the problems faced by all who have some disability. Once received there will be a better understanding of the issues and a chance to seek a remedy.



## Cowes Week.

The Town Clerk updated Councillors following actions agreed at the October meeting namely that Town Clerk will write to the Chief Executive of the Isle of Wight Council requesting a meeting to discuss the future of Cowes Week and the Parade Village; that the Town Clerk will write to Cowes Harbour Commission to ask what they are considering doing in the future for Cowes Week at Shepards Wharf, following unruly behaviour associated with their nightclub. Finally that the Town Clerk will write to Cowes Week Ltd to follow up the opportunity to meet and discuss the future format of Cowes Week.

It was reported that a meeting had been arranged with the Isle of Wight Council to discuss how we would like to see the event evolve and our role, as the local council, in the decision making process. A reply had been received from the Harbour Commission in which they confirm that they are currently in the process of reviewing the Cowes Week shoreside offer at Shepards Wharf for 2017. They will be consulting with stakeholders for feedback on the current offer and look at how it can be improved. The issue of the nightclub will be an integral part of the review and therefore Cowes Town Council's comments and concerns will be taken into account. They will keep the Town Council updated on progress via the Town Council's representative on the Harbour Advisory Committee, Councillor John Corby. Cowes Week Ltd have responded by saying that they are going to hold a Shoreside Working Party meeting ahead of the next Shoreside Committee meeting. Cowes Town Council's representative, Councillor Slade, has been invited to attend. Cowes Week Ltd have no individual stakeholder meetings planned at this stage.



A Cowes Week website picture to remind us of warmer days ahead and the excitement of Cowes Week.

It was resolved that Cowes Town Council fully supports the Isle of Wight Council's recommendation to grant UKSA a 50 year lease of the former Cowes Youth Centre, with the former sports hall being made available for community use.

A little early but it might be worth noting that due to the Town and Parish Council elections being held this year on Thursday 4 May 2017, with Councillors taking up office on Monday 8 May 2017, it has become necessary to move the Annual Town meeting and the Annual Town Council meeting which was scheduled for Tuesday 9 May 2017. It was agreed that the Annual Town Meeting will take place on Thursday 18 May 2017 at 6.15pm and that the Annual Town Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 18 May 2017 at 7pm.

At our December meeting I was pleased to welcome two new Councillors, Amanda Glendinning and Paul Taylor; both have shown a willingness to be fully involved in Council activities. Amanda has been appointed to the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee, while Paul has been appointed to the Projects Committee and will be bringing a report regarding tree planting to the next meeting.

In her Isle of Wight Councillor's report Councillor Peacey-Wilcox referred to access of the Medina Yard site through the gate in Thetis Road. The Bridge Road gate has been locked due to criminal damage at the site. Large vehicles were having difficulty accessing the site through the Admiralty gate in Thetis Road; to resolve this problem a key is being made available for the Bridge Road gate when access to the site is required by large vehicles. I suggest residents of Thetis Road contact Cllr. Peacey-Wilcox or the Town Council office should they experience issues with this change of access. Councillor Peacey-Wilcox also referred to the national shortage of GPs and in particular at Cowes Medical Centre where there are only 3 full time equivalent doctors for over 15,000 patients. She advised that, where possible, it will be quicker to make an appointment with one of the three Advanced Nurse Practitioners who can deal with a wide range of medical problems.

Councillor Fuller referred to his recent meeting with Island Roads and IW Council officers regarding the Traffic Regulation Order for Cowes High Street (the first step in the Town Council's plans to make the High Street more pedestrian friendly). This was due to be advertised during December but as this had not happened it will be chased up. During his report the matter of bonfires was discussed and the problems that it causes for some residents. The Mayor agreed to add a section on the nuisance of bonfires in his next quarterly newsletter (see later).

Councillor Nicholson, in response to questions regarding "Local Prosperity = Prosperity for the Island", explained that there was a disconnection between education and businesses and for businesses to prosper they may need support to grow the economy in Cowes. It was agreed that until businesses have been identified it would be difficult to know how to encourage the growth of the economy in Cowes. The Town Clerk will write to Cowes Business Association, the Federation of Small Businesses and the Chamber of Commerce requesting details of their members in Cowes to ensure that Cowes Town Council can do what they can to support, encourage and facilitate wealth creation for those businesses.

The Notes of the Cowes Town Council and IW Council Meeting regarding Cowes Week and The Parade Village, held on 15 November 2016, were received and noted. Councillors agreed that Cowes Week arrangements post 2017 should be driven by Cowes Town Council, with the possibility of engaging a professional events manager to oversee the process. In order to facilitate this it was agreed that the Town Clerk will arrange a further meeting in January 2017 with IW Council officers and the Executive Member for Tourism, Councillor Shirley Smart.

Also at the December meeting Councillors approved the draft budget for 2017 / 2018 which will require the precept, including grant, to be £244,700. This equates to an increase of £6,690 or £1.67 per annum for a band D household. Having to find extra money to fund the Library and other services devolved by the Unitary Authority, it was agreed to reduce funding available for grants in order to minimise the cost to local taxpayers. This does not mean that groups in need of financial assistance should not apply; just that there is less in the pot.

Councillors agreed that the following grants be made: Cowes Amateur Operatic Society the sum of £500; Cowes Primary School the sum of £1,000; Isle of Wight Music, Dance & Drama Festival the sum of £100.

It was also agreed that, as all official partners / stakeholders have signed up to Destination Cowes, Cowes Town Council releases the funds held of £5,000 for the marketing of Destination Cowes.

This autumn for the first time Visit Isle of Wight had a stand at the World Travel Market in London, with Destination Cowes well featured. Still in its infancy Destination Cowes offers a real opportunity to bring visitors to our historic town. We hope everyone will support this initiative.

Picture (right) of happy crowds in Cowes High Street "borrowed" from [cowes.co.uk](http://cowes.co.uk) website.



It was a pleasant and unanimous decision that Cowes Town Council, following completion of a successful probationary period, confirms the appointment of the Assistant Town Clerk, Kate Gibbs.

The Town Council have been approached by Gurnard Parish Council requesting financial support to reinstate the road crossing patrol outside of Gurnard Primary School; the service has been withdrawn since September 2016. The Town Council have agreed to part fund the cost of the service for one year only in the sum of £1,500.00. Unfortunately for various reasons, including the IW Council's decisions to award a two year contract and the difficulty in funding the second year there will not be a "lollipop person" in place.

In an effort to resolve the problem Councillor Fuller, along with the other three Cowes West Ward Councillors, will visit the site at the start and close of the school day and liaise with IW Council Officers to seek a solution to the problem. A report will be brought to the February 2017 meeting of the Town Council.

### **Dog Fouling.**

An unpleasant subject, but dog fouling continues to cause distress to many people. Please note that as part of the PFI contract Island Roads are committed to removing dog mess and any other environmental hazard from paths and the highway. This service appears to be working well and I take this opportunity to thank Island Roads and their operatives for this excellent service. Can I ask that should you notice any dog mess, dead animals or anything else that is a health hazard please phone Island Roads on 01983 822440, email them at [info@islandroads.com](mailto:info@islandroads.com) or use their "report it on line" facility.



The Environmental Officer is providing a good service and she is very quick to identify issues. Unfortunately there remain areas such as parks and open spaces that are not monitored. I know most dog owners act responsibly and I'm sure they will support me in asking - please pick it up and bin it.

### **Bonfires.**



As promised earlier I agreed to highlight the hazards of bonfires to health, the environment and wildlife. Apologies for preaching to the majority but I hope you agree that bonfires are a menace, particularly at this time of year when garden rubbish tends to be wet, creating excessive smoke containing harmful pollutants including particles and dioxins. Burning man-made material such as plastics, rubber & painted objects creates a range of poisonous compounds. Smoke can have a damaging effect on health especially for asthmatics, those with lung conditions and the young & elderly. They can also be very annoying, potentially fire hazards (in dry weather) and affect wildlife, particularly those using piles of garden rubbish as shelter and for hibernation.

### **Cowes Library. (A report by our hard working Librarian).**

Our donated books and DVDs sale held on 22nd October proved very popular with a great mix of adult fiction, non-fiction and children's books. During half-term, for children we had a superb Huxley's Magic Show and Workshop and also an Aliens and Animals storytime, including 'Design Your own Alien' competition, with Diana Kimpton. At the beginning of December, local children's author and illustrator Jules Marriner did a Christmas Fairy Workshop with delighted children after reading one of her many own Indie published stories.

At this time of year Reception have been receiving their special Time to Read Booktime Packs from the Libraries. This is a part of a national scheme organised and funded by the Registered Charity Book Trust, which encourages children and families to share the love of reading. Covering Cowes, Lanesend, Gurnard and Northwood Primary Schools, I have either made visits, or the classes have come to the Library. This is a great opportunity to introduce all these children to our Library, and show them a selection of the kind of books we hold that they might like. A funny story always goes down well and children can also have time to wander around and choose books to look at or have read to them with teachers and parents and myself included! Introducing books at an early age can help a child's development and can really help them do better at school, even in subjects like maths. Little Love Lane Pre-School children also made a visit and were really interested in seeing some of the factual books for younger ones and enjoying stories and rhymes. We make the Library as inviting as possible to everyone and it gives us great satisfaction to be able to interact with and serve our local community. The Library does have homework cards for school children to come and access the computers in the Library for their school purposes. Staff are on hand to offer help on the computers and with research as well as from our book stock.

Cowes Library is now being used as a monthly Police Surgery by the Cowes Neighbourhood Policing Team after the closure of the Police Station in Birmingham Road and subsequent move to the shared premises with the Fire and Rescue Service on Victoria Road.

One of our main events of the year was our Christmas Crafts and Food Fair (pictured) and was held on Saturday 26th November. Island artists, crafts people and makers of home produce were selling a range of exclusive and unusual gifts. Foods included chutneys, festive biscuits and cakes. We held a fund raising raffle and had lots of fun activities for children including a Christmas themed Lego Club. All monies raised by the Supporters of Cowes Library from our events go directly to supporting further events and activities, buying new furniture and making improvements for the Library. If you would like to join the Supporters of Cowes Library, you will be most welcome. Just pop into the Library or telephone: 293341 for details.



Lastly, if you are looking for a new activity in the new year, then why not join one of our clubs: Adult Boards & Games Club, Adult Colouring Club or Stitches which covers all types of knitting and needlework. Further information can be found on the Council website <http://www.iwight.com/thelibrary>

## Moorgreen Reservoir.

What a transformation! Thanks to the Isle of Wight Council what was an inaccessible overgrown mess is now clear of dense growth and has been added to the list of open spaces the maintenance of which Cowes Town Council have agreed to fund. The Town Council Projects Committee will be discussing the area and the question I would like to ask readers is "what use would you like to see for this large underutilised open space?" Please contact our office with your thoughts.



I thank volunteers from the adjacent Moorgreen Allotments who have opened and closed the gates; the Town Council will continue to liaise with them over the future use of the site.

## 75th Anniversary of the Defence of Cowes (A report by Geoff Banks, Chairman of ORP Blyskawica Society.)

Early May brings about the commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the defence of Cowes and East Cowes by the Polish destroyer, *ORP Blyskawica*. Annually, the *Friends of the ORP Blyskawica* hold a ceremony on Cowes Parade to mark that date of the Second World War blitz which took place on the evening of 4/5<sup>th</sup> May 1942 when two waves of Luftwaffe bombers attacked the strategic ports which were a vital manufacturing



area towards the war effort. Few can now remember that aerial attack which saw the loss of some seventy civilians which, as a percentage of the then population, was greater than that of Southampton and Portsmouth during the period of war. The personal tragic losses at that time were immense.

*ORP Blyskawica*, along with her sister ship *ORP Grom*, were built in the local shipyards of J S White and were the world's fastest destroyers when launched; *Blyskawica* achieving 41.5 knots at her peak. Nowadays she lies in the port of Gdynia, Poland, where she's an immaculately preserved floating museum having received over 6½ million visitors. She's the pride of Poland's maritime history.

The defence of Cowes by *Blyskawica* was brought about by her being in port for re-armament, enabling her to defend our towns throughout the night of the raid.

The Friends of the *ORP Blyskawica* Society, a Cowes based organisation, aims to make the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary an important event over a period of 4 days starting on the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> May until the end of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>. The Polish government has taken a great interest in this anniversary event and members of the society met with Poland's Ambassador to Great Britain, His Excellency Arkady Rzegocki, at the embassy's invitation, where they were offered liaison and support for the forthcoming commemoration.

The Polish government have arranged for the presence of a warship, *ORP Pulaski*, during the event and the *Blyskawica Society* has requested the presence of both the British and French navies. There is anticipation that a Polish Marine Band will be arriving and, already planned, is a celebratory yacht race for the Ambassador's Cup which will be hosted at Cowes Yacht Haven by the Polish Yacht Club of London. The commemorations will commence with a concert at The Royal Yacht Squadron on the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> May to coincide with the start of the blitz. The format is a piano recital by the international concert pianist, Eva Maria Doroszkowska, the granddaughter of Capt. Francki who commanded *ORP Blyskawica* on the night of the raid.

The Ave Verum Polish Choir (pictured) will be performing at St. Mary's Church on the Saturday evening and in



East Cowes there will be a Polish Market and exhibitions both sides of the river. Commemoration events will be held in both towns and there's to be involvement with the schools and local youth groups whereby they can engage with the recall of this historic event. The general public will be invited to take part in the various events which are being planned and this early notice will be followed up through this Newsletter and the media more fully prior to the event.

This will be the last such commemoration whereby there's a high level of participation by local organisations and departments of the Polish government. The society's aim is to pay due and respectful tribute to a time when the defence of Cowes laid greatly in the hands of the officers and crew of *ORP Blyskawica*. Without their engagement, the loss of life and devastation would have been that much greater. (Full details to follow in the next newsletter)



## Isle of Wight Literary Festival 2016.

From its opening by HRH the Earl of Wessex, KG, GCVO, to the closing session: *A Life of Two Halves*, by Michael Portillo, the Isle of Wight Literary Festival was an unqualified success thanks to the Literary Festival Committee, Cowes Town Council, the Arts Council, Red Funnel, the Isle of Wight County Press, Artemis, Northwood House Charitable Trust Co. Ltd, advertisers, supporters and private benefactors.

Now in its fifth year, the varied programme included local authors Tim Wander, Chris Young, Joan Ellis and Donna Jones. Alan Johnson speaking about his life as a hard-working constituency MP and Kamal Ahmed, BBC Economics Editor, tackling the issue that concerns us all, *Brexit and Beyond: the State of the Nation* were sell out events.

As a result of the support of Cowes Town Council, the Literary Festival was able to expand its youth



programme, which is in its second year. The Youth Zone, which included two yurts—Inspire and Imagine and the community hall—Entertain, was opened by Cowes Town Mayor David Jones. Hundreds of youngsters enjoyed Island based writers and entertainers, which included magician Huxley, writer and illustrator Jules Marriner, storyteller Sue Bailey, author Michael Lilley, illustrator Helen Stiles and Ventnor Exchange, who ran a puppet workshop and held a performance of *Good Night, Little Bear*.

Storyteller and author Margaret Bateson-Hill entertained youngsters with The Dragon Racer Trilogy (*First Flight*,

*Legacy of Fire and The Silver Flame*) and *Lao Lao of Dragon Mountain*, a tale inspired by the Chinese craft of paper cutting. Chloe Inkpen, illustrator and co-creator of the Zoe and Beans series, introduced followers of the series to a brand new character, Fred, a badly behaved dog who destroys everything and won't stop running away. The Booster Cushion Theatre performed *Big Goldilocks and the Three Bears Plus*.

The Isle of Wight Literary Festival Committee is busy preparing for this year's Literary Festival on the 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October; they look forward to welcoming you.

## A date for your diary – Cowes Beer Walk.

This event is a leisurely walk through the town looking at public houses, the buildings that replaced those lost and other interesting sites, naturally there will be refreshment stops. Organised by Councillor John Nicholson CAMRA, Jeff Sechiari from the Brewery History Society and myself representing Cowes Heritage, this will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February. The likely start will be 12 Noon at the Kingston Arms. Keep an eye open for full details nearer the day.



This line drawing which captures the former Medina Commercial, one of the many former pubs, and the view across the river before Shepards Wharf was developed, was given to me by Bernard Taylor (1935 -2016). I have included it as a tribute to a fine gentlemen, local historian and craftsman. It was a privilege to have known Bernard and to regard him as a friend. I am sure the many who knew him will agree with me.

## Cowes Heritage.



At our new venue, Cowes Yacht Haven Media Centre, yet another successful exhibition took place from October 22<sup>nd</sup> to November 13<sup>th</sup>. Entitled "The Development of Somerton Airport", the exhibition traced the history of the site. It was 100 years ago in 1916 when J S White's purchased the land as part of their fledgling aircraft manufacturing venture. Later it became a commercial airport until Decca, followed by Plessey and finally BAE Systems, produced world beating radar systems on the site. This picture at the official opening shows Chairman John Groves presenting a copy of Cowes Heritage's latest book to Colin Bell, senior manager at BAE Systems who opened the exhibition.

It is hoped to hold open days giving those interested an opportunity to see our huge database & archives. If interested please contact John 299221, David 298445 or [cowesheritage@btinternet.com](mailto:cowesheritage@btinternet.com).

I hope you have found this newsletter interesting. Town Councillors give their time freely and are happy to listen and if possible assist when problems arise. The best first point of contact is the Town Council Clerks, who can pass on issues to the best person and keep a record for future reference.

## **COUNCILLORS ELECTED TO COWES TOWN COUNCIL and COMMITTEES**

David Jones	(Town Mayor)	Cowes Medina	298445
Mark McNeill	(Deputy Town Mayor)	Cowes North	0779 0777101
Geoff Banks		Cowes West	295425
Jean Bartrum		Cowes Medina	717210
Linda Brown		Cowes South	295222
John Corby		Cowes North	07798753962
Stuart Ellis		Cowes Medina	246352
Paul Fuller*		Cowes North	289595
Amanda Glendinning		Cowes West	243169
Lynn Hammond		Cowes Medina	282308
John Nicholson*		Cowes South	619130
Lora Peacey-Wilcox*		Cowes Medina	247177
Vanessa Slade		Cowes North	297791
Jacqui Spalding		Cowes South	291877
Paul Taylor		Cowes West	295222
Wendy Wardrop		Cowes North	298687

**\* Also Isle of Wight Councillors**

### **Sub-committee members:**

**Planning and Licensing:** Councillors Banks, Brown, Corby, Nicholson, Slade & Wardrop.

**Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing:** Councillors Banks, Bartrum, Corby, Ellis, Glendinning & Slade.

**Projects:** Councillors Banks, Bartrum, Brown, Nicholson, Spalding & Taylor.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are members of all sub-committees.

Details of when these committees meet are on the Town Council website and are posted on the notice board (on Hurst's wall) at least a week prior to the meeting.

## **CONTACTING YOUR WARD TOWN COUNCILLOR**

Any written communications to Councillors should be sent via the Cowes Town Council offices and any email communications to Councillors should also be copied to the Cowes Town Council offices for record purposes.

Email addresses of Councillors can be found on the Town Council website, [www.cowestowncouncil.org.uk](http://www.cowestowncouncil.org.uk).

## **MEETINGS**

Our next full council meeting is at 7pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Meetings are in the Library at Northwood House. All are most welcome to attend.

The Notice of these Meetings and Agendas are posted on the notice board outside of Hurst's shop and can be viewed in Cowes Public Library and are available on the Town Council's website as given below.

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