



NEWSLETTER

Summer Edition 2014

from Cllr. Geoff Banks – Cowes Town Mayor

YOUR NEWSLETTER

This edition includes articles from Cowes Sea Cadets, Island Roads, Cowes Deauville Twinning Association, Cowes RNLI and Cowes Police. Our aim is to bring you news from other organisations based in our town. If you belong to or have knowledge of any local community organisation which could benefit from providing an article for this Newsletter, can they please let us know?

COUNCIL VACANCY

A vacancy has occurred due to the resignation of Cllr. Wendi Hall due to family commitments. Wendi was chairman of the Town Council's Finance Committee and the Northwood Recreation Ground Committee. On the Finance Committee, Wendi was instrumental in bringing that essential clarification to matters relating to the eventual raising of the town's precept. As chairman of these committees she steered the groups through those important debates; we thank her for her invaluable input.

The vacancy, for Cowes South Ward, has been advertised and the Town Council is interviewing interested parties and, as of the next Newsletter, we will inform you of the successful candidate.

DEPARTURE OF OUR TOWN CLERK

Roger Hendey, who has served our Town Council for the past fourteen years as our Town Clerk, will be leaving us for retirement at the end of September. The old adage is that 'he will be a hard act to follow' and this is certainly so with Roger who has done so much for our community above and beyond that which his post required. His management and organisational ability, direction and dedication has been exemplary and those many Town Councillors who have passed through his hands have gained much from him on how to work best in the interests of our community. We all thank Roger for those many years of dedicated service.

The Town Council has advertised the vacancy and will be processing the applications with a view to an appointment a month prior to Roger's leaving. Details of the appointment will be in the local press in due course.

ON THE MOVE

The town Council has, for the past 4 years had their offices in Denmark Road. Until taking up this office accommodation the Town Clerks worked from home and it was Northwood House where, from the formation of the Council in 1985, they held their meetings. Following meetings with directors of Northwood House Charitable Trust Ltd., the Town Council has entered into an agreement to take up office accommodation in Northwood House. Added to this, the arrangements are that the Town Council will, once again, hold all of their meetings at the House as in the past. The Trustees offered a rental less than that for our Denmark Road offices with excellent facilities. Councillors welcome this move inasmuch that the rent will go towards this Charitable Trust for the upkeep of the house and grounds rather than to a private landlord. The move is expected towards the end of August.

TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

This is a report of the receipts and payments account for the 2013/14 financial year; these accounts have been officially audited. The audit of the 2013/14 accounts was held on 30th June 2014 and local electors will have the opportunity to question the auditor about them. Full details of how this could be done have been posted on the Town Council notice board for the required period.

The Council Tax precept including grant for 2014/15 is £177,300 which equates to £42.91 per household per Band D for the year or 82p per week.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2014:

| | INCOME | | EXPENDITURE |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| | £ | | £ |
| Precept | 91,000 | General administration | 36,512 |
| Interest on investments | 81 | Miscellaneous grants | 11,812 |
| Grants received | 6,312 | Section 137 payments | 1,900 |
| Miscellaneous income | 84,522 | Bunting/Christmas trees | 2,014 |
| | | Town improvements | 8,446 |
| | | Flower baskets/troughs | 2,914 |
| | | Skatepark/MUGA | 4,527 |
| | | Newsletter | 1,838 |
| | | Dog/litter bin emptying | 2,792 |
| | | Northwood Rec. general | 5,650 |
| | | Northwood Rec. toilets | <u>4,563</u> |
| | <u>181,915</u> | | <u>82,968</u> |

BALANCES AT 31st MARCH 2014

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Lloyds bank accounts | 214,665 |
| Petty cash | <u>26</u> |
| | 214,691 |
| Less ring fenced expenditure | <u>132,216</u> |
| USEABLE BALANCE | <u>82,475</u> |

UMBRELLA TREE

Many locals were concerned at the loss of the Umbrella Tree on Prince's Green, next to Grantham Court. The tree, a Weeping Ash, was heavily diseased and has now kindly been replaced by the Isle of Wight Council. Due to Ash Die Back, prevalent throughout Europe, the same species could not be planted. However, the planting of a Weeping Beech, hardy in coastal areas, will eventually provide the umbrella affect as it spreads over the retained framework. Salvageable parts of the tree, albeit limited, are hoped to be wood turned into mementos.

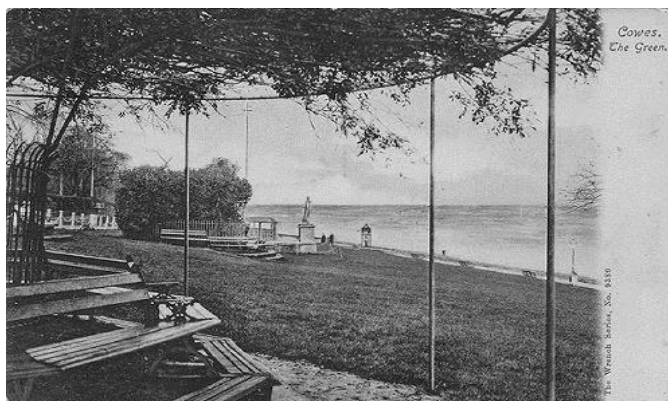


Photo taken in 1905 from under the Umbrella Tree looking across The Green.

HORIZON PLAQUE

Recently installed is the Town Council's interpretation panel which depicts places of interest as well as a recount of historical events which have taken place in our Solent waters. The Solent has seen many notable events such as the challenge race around the Island in 1851 which lead to the world's most prestigious sailing challenge for the America's Cup; the loss of Henry VIII's Mary Rose and the passing through of RMS Titanic on her fated maiden voyage. These and other notable events plus historic landmarks are depicted. The siting is on Cowes Parade in the projecting balustrade area opposite the Royal London Yacht Club. The panels are in marine grade stainless steel with graphics surface etched. The information panels, of which there are three bounding the balustrade projection, were installed to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.



HIGH STREET ISSUES

The saga of traffic control is ongoing and there are some concerning revelations and denials. We are informed that the bollards, when the IW Council's Highway Officers met with Island Roads to determine the latter's acquisitions and responsibilities in their take-over, failed to notice the bollards which were down at the time. Consequently, they are in denial as to which authority is responsible for their ownership, upkeep and for any additions or upgrades. A recent communication from the legal representative for the IW Council states that they wouldn't support funding by their authority for taking them over and, in any event, considered that "There was no evidence on road safety grounds to support this". The Town Council has already indicated willingness to fund the operation of the bollards but it now appears that the various authorities, having failed to notice their existence, denies any responsibility for them.

The Town Council's request for the pedestrianised areas to be open only for authorised traffic between 7am and 10am, was rejected by the IW Council on the grounds that there was no evidence of any danger to pedestrians with the present pedestrians only period from 10am till 6pm.

As regards to those cyclists who go through the pedestrianised areas at speed and often in the wrong direction, we are told that the present 'No Entry' signage is adequate. However, many cyclists stopped by the police, who inform us that they are being ever more vigilant, say they were unaware of the restrictions. The Town Council has requested additional signage both by road markings and posted signage but such has been considered by the IW Council/Island Roads as either ineffective or contrary to acceptable highway requirements.

Needless to say, the Town Council will continue to pursue these objectives on the rounds of safety and good traffic management. We now find our MP has entered the affray and, on behalf of a concerned resident, is also taking such concerns back to County Hall.

On a positive front, after our reporting their dangerous condition back in January 2014, Island Roads at last intend replacing the metal covers to those deteriorated lengths of channel drainage along our High Street.

COWES WEEK VILLAGE

The Town Council had expressed their concerns with regards to the seating on The Parade during AAM Cowes Week which was to be temporarily removed during the regatta week. Repeated protestations resulted in the I W Council's officer having charge over the 'Village', advocating that the fixed seating, particularly on Firework Night, could be hazardous.

Unlike in previous years, Town Councillors were concerned that they were not consulted as regards to the format of the 'Village'. The Town Council requested a presentation on the 'Village' arena and, following an invitation to Beth Taylor of Taylor Events, which are the contracted company delivering the 'Village', our June meeting welcomed her presence. Beth commenced by stating that this was her ninth year of management for this event having previously worked for Mainsail, the previous contractor. Such would be the second year of a three year contract that Taylor Events won in 2013 in their own right. It was her aim to provide bar and food facilities with good views of the racing and live entertainment to benefit the event and that was free to enjoy by the general public; she was sensitive to the wishes of local businesses and was careful not to replicate in the retail outlets what was available in shops in the town. Beth Taylor then outlined the improvements she planned for 2014 and moving forward including:

- A more open plan Village with additional space between the retail units.
- To reduce the build/breakdown time by a further two days to assist local businesses and reduce disruption to residents
- Some benches (6 or 7) had to be removed for access to the units; she would reduce the time they were removed.

(removed Thursday 31st July and replaced on Monday 11th August)

- Put additional seating on The Parade equivalent to that removed.
- Retain an access walkway behind the stage area on the bandstand for the general public
- Security personnel were now employed directly; they were all SIA registered and she would ensure that their SIA badges were visible on their sleeves at all times. Four of her key security personnel would also wear body cameras.
- To reduce noise levels she would install a directional base system this year
- An action plan for the toilets – the I.W. Council would undertake essential repairs before the event and she would provide equipment to make the toilets more user friendly (e.g. unbreakable mirrors, tables, baby changing, pot plants and better signage). Taylor Events would also organise and manage a cleaning programme to keep the toilets to a reasonable standard. She would employ a dedicated cleaner from midday until midnight from 2nd to 9th August who would be responsible for cleaning, flushing, maintaining, replenishing and tidying the toilet facilities during the event. The cost of the cleaner from 7pm until midnight would be borne by Taylor Events; the cost for the remainder of hours would be split three ways (£265 plus VAT each) between the Town Council, I.W. Council and Cowes Week Ltd.
- Improve residents communication to a wider geographical area and ensure that all Parking Permit Holders receive newsletters detailing key dates.

Beth Taylor concluded by stating that she was keen to work closely with the Town Council and she was open to all suggestions. She would like to extend her contract for a further two years in order to make it more

financially viable to purchase additional seating, make toilet improvements and have a more open plan Village and she would welcome Town Council support for this.

Town Council members expressed the following views:

- That the Town Council should have more input regarding the type of entertainment and events that are held on The Parade during the week.
- That the contract with Taylor Events should not be automatically extended beyond 2015 without reference to the Town Council.
- That the I.W. Council should consider the possibility of allowing the Town Council governance for the Parade Village in the future.

Town Councillors agreed that its views were relayed to the appropriate I W Councillors and that Beth Taylor was to be invited to provide event details for the 2015 Parade Village prior to that event.

BANDSTAND & TOILETS

The Town Council are concerned that commemoration plaques on The Bandstand, Cowes' Parade, require regular maintenance and have indicated a willingness to County Hall to take on this task.

The toilets, in the same block, have been considered as a poor reflection on Cowes as an internationally acclaimed yachting mecca. The Town Council will be considering whether it will take on the management of these toilets from the IW Council in that it is one of those discretionary services provided by the County Council which it may wish to relinquish. The thoughts are that, under the Town Council, we can undertake an improved cleaning regime at a lower cost and give consideration to refurbishments at some future date. The cost for cleaning and maintenance would be taken from that money, set aside by the Town Council, which was acquired by the raising of the town precept whereby funds were considered necessary to manage those many services which County Hall wish or intend to no longer support.

PARK ROAD RECREATION GROUND (*The Rec*)

The new shelter and cycle stand, reported in the last Newsletter, have now been installed. The shelter, however, is giving the Council grounds for concern in that children are climbing onto its roof whereby one youngster fell and was injured. The facilities at the Recreation Ground are provided by the Town Council for all to enjoy. However, as explained to several youths found to be on the roof of the shelter, we have a responsibility for safety and if such dangerous practices take place our Council has the authority to close them down or remove them. For parents of children using the facilities at the Recreation Ground can we ask that their children are advised of those dangers in misusing any of the equipment and installations provided. There are also ongoing concerns as to the continued vandalism of the toilets and we have to determine whether, at the end of the day, our provision of any of these facilities is worthwhile.

The cost of maintaining those facilities provided or managed by your Town Council is considerable. Our trustworthy and dedicated cleaner of the skatepark, Rodney Williams, has now taken on the responsibility of cleaning and opening and closing the public toilets which the Town Council leases from the IW Council. Already there has been a noticeable improvement in their cleanliness. However, our cleaner for these facilities will be retiring next year and we will be looking for another cleaner; any volunteers? The post, however, is a paid one and may best fit someone retired. If there is anyone interested we can provide full details on application.

In order to introduce safeguards to those using the facilities, the Town Council has provided safety matting to the slide and zip-wire as well as improving the tarmac run-offs at the bottom of the skateboard ramps.

The installation of three new dedicated seats facing the football pitches have now been provided for those using the recreation grounds.



SHOOTERS HILL WELL

For some time there has been the debate as regards to what should happen with the well. The well was uncovered in 1988 when Southern Water took their new pumping main sewer through the High Street. Following its construction the well was unveiled by Barry Field, our then MP. In past years it has become an eyesore with no one taking responsibility for its upkeep. As to whether the well is removed, refurbished or reconstructed in a different format remains an ongoing debate. However, its neglect is an embarrassment to the town. The Town Council, in the absence of anyone taking ownership, has posted a Notice both on the site and in the press requesting that anyone wishing to claim and prove ownership must do so otherwise the Cowes Town Council would take possession. For many months the Town Council has been asking the Isle of Wight Council as to whether they had ownership or, if it was not them, if they had any knowledge of whom it

might be. Since posting the notice it is coming to light that Medina Borough Council, the local authority at that time, was instrumental in the construction of the well. Latterly, Cowes Rotary and Cowes Carnival undertook improvements to the well, following the granting of permission from Medina B.C., whereby they could benefit from revenue from a coin box which was built into the structure.

If the Town Council takes on its ownership there will need to be that final decision as to its future. The Town Council has regularly asked residents as to what they wish to become of the well, however, those responders have, in the main, been those with premises in Shooters Hill.

We welcome everyone's thoughts?

The well in Shooters Hill showing the damaged seating and general poor state. The pump was added by Cowes Carnival.

COWES IN BLOOM

Many will have noticed the lovely floral displays about the town and on those roads leading into Cowes comprising of hanging baskets and flower tubs. These have been provided by the Town Council and, following our request in the last Newsletter for assistance, Tony and Gladys King have volunteered and have been a great help. We can always do with volunteers to assist and, for anyone interested, can they please make contact with the Council Office.



MEDINA VALLEY AREA ACTION PLAN (MVAAP)

The Isle of Wight Council are producing this policy document as part of the overall Island Plan. It will be important in determining the future development of an area encompassing Cowes, Northwood, Gurnard, East Cowes, Whippingham and Newport. The consultation process is currently underway and Cowes Town Council Planning Committee have considered and answered 48 questions posed. Many questions are similar to those your town council asked residents last year. Whether developments should be on brown or green field sites, where future housing should be situated, preserving green gaps between settlements, how we would like our town centre to thrive, employment opportunities and the floating bridge as an essential cross river link. The Town Council's response gives a clear view of how we see the Medina Valley coping with the demands for housing, recreation and employment while preserving the hugely important natural environment.

TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS

An important part of the Town Council's function is the awarding of grants to local and Island Community groups. Monies are set aside annually for the provision of grant aids and, throughout the past years, many organisations have benefitted. There is no bar on the same applicants submitting applications on a regular basis, all are scrutinised and reviewed before any grant is offered. The determination as to which applicants receive these grants lies with the Finance Committee which sits on a regular basis.

In Early June, grants were awarded to the following applicants:

- 1) Angel Radio – £250 towards setting up a second recording studio at their present premises.
- 2) Cowes Armed Forces Day – £200 towards the cost of organising Cowes' Armed Forces Day celebrations.
- 3) Cowes Open Bowls Tournament - £400 towards the cost of their 60th Cowes Week tournament.

In early July, grants were provided for the following applicants:

- 1) Cowes Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society, (COADS) - £500 towards improved sound facilities.
- 2) Cowes Carnival Committee - £2,500 towards insurances bands and the float's maintenance.
- 3) Cowes Week Fireworks - £1,000 towards this year's firework display.
- 4) Cowes Deauville Twinning Association - £1,500 towards this year's 50th twinning anniversary commemorations.
- 5) Victim Support - £150 towards voluntary witness support; 135 Cowes' residents assisted last year.

NEWS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

COWES SEA CADET UNIT No. 118 T.S. Osborne

The Unit originated in East Cowes, when in 1922 application was made to the Navy League Sea Cadet Corps and affiliation was granted on 7th September 1922. Around sixty boys were initially involved and were based in the Boat Shop in Medina Road until 1924, when they moved to the former site of the Royal Navy College Osborne occupying Osborne Hall. The Unit remain there until 1940, when their particular site was taken over by Saunders Roe for war work. They then moved to a two masted schooner called the Mabel Taylor, which occupied a mud berth on the East Cowes side of the river between Cornubia and Groves and Gutteridge Boat Yards. The Mabel Taylor was subsequently moved to the west side of the River Medina before being condemned for use in 1954.

A grant was received from Admiralty for a new HQ at Arctic Road. Work was carried out by Officers and Cadets. In 1958 the building was officially opened by Commander in Chief, Admiral Sir Guy Graham. As many people will be aware the old 'prefab' building really had run its course, and our cadets deserved better.

The management committee headed by Margaret Plumley and assisted by Peter Scott began a campaign to raise funds for a replacement build. They raised an enormous amount of money via sponsorship and donations. The new build 'stalled' for a period following lack of funds. I am pleased to say the new Management Team voted in last October have taken up the challenge of completing the building and 'we are nearly there'.....under the new Chair Lora Peacey Wilcox who has been supported by her very hard working committee we now hope to be able to give our cadets and dedicated staff premises by September.

We still have around £50K to raise to complete the build. Our Officer In Charge Jacky Debruyne is inspiring new cadets to join us; and her dedication to supporting the cadets with her staff are second to none. We are indeed lucky here in Cowes to have this facility, which when complete will be the best Unit in the Country. I thank all past and present parents, staff and committee for their dedication.

Any donation no matter how small will be gratefully received.

Lora Peacey Wilcox - Chair of Cowes Sea Cadets. T.S. Osborne.

Arctic Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 7PG

ISLAND ROADS UPDATE

In Cowes, and across the Island, Island Roads is investing huge sums of money improving the highways network. We are a year into a seven-year project at the end of which around 804 kilometers of rural and urban roads, 756 kms of footways, and 29 kms of cycleways will have been treated and over 12,000 new energy-efficient street lights installed.

This network - including 239 bridges, 612 structures, public car parks, signage, the CCTV network and street furniture which will also be upgraded - will be maintained throughout the 25 years of the Highways PFI.

It is the biggest engineering project ever undertaken on the Island.

Such a project requires a great deal of planning and a programme of work has been agreed that takes into account a number of factors. We aim to treat the roads in worst condition earliest in the programme. The condition of the road however is not just about the visible surface but also the subsurface below, so roads that appear to be in relatively good condition may in fact failing and are sometimes treated ahead of those that appear to the eyes to be in a worse state.

In addition, under the PFI, roads of all types are to be improved equally across all districts which is another reason why you may see minor roads being upgraded prior to main ones. Another factor considered in programing is the availability of diversion routes and we are also required to avoid disruption during certain events, the obvious example being Cowes Week

While much remains to be done in the coming years, significant progress has been made in Cowes. Work across the Island is also intensifying now the new asphalt plant at Blackwater is providing a reliable supply of high quality material. The latest section we have completed - overnight to reduce disruption – was the section of Place Road approaching Fourcross.

The highways PFI also includes the footways and the scheme to surface Crossfield Avenue, a road that serves two schools, is nearing completion.

Around 80 percent of the streetlights in Cowes have now been replaced with the new LED models that also reduce light pollution. The remaining lamps are ether in conservation areas or designated 'heritage' sites such as the Parade. In these areas, we work with the Isle of Wight Council to ensure the replacements are in keeping with the streetscene.

For more information and our programme of forthcoming work please visit www.islandroads.com

COWES DEAUVILLE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS of the SIGNING of the CHARTER REPORT ON THE VISIT BY COWES MEMBERS TO DEAUVILLE

On the 5th of September 1964, in the Town Hall of Deauville the Charter of the Association was signed by E. J. Powell, Chairman of Cowes Urban District Council and Michel d'Ornano, Mayor of Deauville.

As part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations some 17 members of the Cowes Deauville Twinning Association braved a very early start from the Island on the morning of Friday 23rd May to be warmly welcomed by their French hosts in Deauville.

The rest of Friday was spent with our respective host families to renew friendships and swap the latest family news.

Saturday was a busy day for us starting with the planting of the Peace Rose and the Anniversary Rose given to the town of Deauville by the members of the Association. In the photograph, the president of the Cowes Association, Mrs June Powis, and the Mayor of Deauville, M Philippe Augier, are shown planting the roses next to the copper beech tree that had been gifted by Cowes for the 30th Anniversary of the Twinning. We were extremely lucky to have just avoided a torrential downpour earlier that morning.



A ceramic plaque of the crest of Deauville was presented to the Association by the Mayor as a gift to the town of Cowes. The intention is to have this publicly displayed in Cowes in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the twinning.

Cowes Deauville Twinning Association welcomes new members.
For membership enquiries please contact Barry Bates on 296303, Email address batesin@tiscali.co.uk.

COWES RNLI

The port's lifeboat *Sheena Louise* has launched on 23 occasions so far this year.

Every year the type of rescues we go to is different. This year has included a higher number of individuals in trouble. For example, two teenagers stuck on the muddy foreshore opposite Island Harbour and two archaeologists from the mainland cut-off by the tide by Thorness, not only did we bring them back but their two muddy bikes as well!

Late one afternoon in February as dusk approached we were launched to a kayaker who had been clinging to his kayak for half an hour. A public spirited person came to the station and called 999 as he thought he could see two more heads bobbing in the water off Cowes Green by the kayak. With failing light the *Sheena Louise* went to the aid of the kayaker whilst a 2nd rib we have access to was crewed by us and sent in support (finding people in the water in the dark is very difficult so getting there before dark is imperative). Fortunately the kayaker was the only person in the water.

No member of the public should ever feel embarrassed calling 999 if you THINK you see someone in difficulty. The 50 volunteers who run the lifeboat station will gladly launch to any well-intentioned call. That kayaker (a Cowes resident) will be subject of an RNLI magazine article for his subsequent understanding of how he ended up needing rescue and the sensible steps he has now taken to ensure his own safety in future. We are only too pleased to advise people who get into trouble, after all they too have families who want them back.

You may recall a lady jumping into the harbour and being rescued by a policeman, we attended and assisted with the first aid until an ambulance arrived. I don't know what the rest of you Cowes people think but we at the lifeboat station consider his actions were brave and to the highest standard of public service we could expect from the police. Mind you he realises it was a risky thing to do, which is yet another person wiser after the event.

We are appreciative of the support people of Cowes (on both sides of the river) give their lifeboat. Like the policeman we have high standards of public service and enjoy doing our bit.

COWES SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM. (Cowes Police)

I present a short report from the Cowes Safer Neighbourhood Team for the month of June 2014.

In terms of crime, in relation to the year to date crime figures, we are down 16% from 121 crimes 2013/14 down to 102 crimes 2014/15. The number1 priority identified by the Local Action Group is cycling and cars using the High Street during the times of prohibition. In relation to this priority, the police have continued to actively patrol the High Street to prevent incidents re-occurring. Police have seen 4 cyclists, whilst on patrol during June 2014, who have been stopped and have had their details taken and given a verbal warning as well as an educational letter. If the same persons are seen cycling again during the prohibited time, then formal action will be taken.

I would like to inform everyone that the frequency and day of the month the beat surgeries take place has changed. It will take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Cowes Police Station between 1800hrs - 2000hrs. Everyone is welcome to attend and speak with their local Safer Neighbourhood Team on any matter that they feel the police can assist with. *T/PS 22028 Gary Knight*

YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS

Cowes Town Council, under its Quality Town Council status, has to quarterly publish details of current councillors, as below.

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|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| Geoff Banks (Town Mayor) | Cowes West | tel. 295425 | All Council Committees + HF1D1 |
| David Jones (Deputy Town Mayor) | Cowes Medina | 298445 | All Council Committees + CBA, HF1D1, IWSCAG (Deputy), IWALCEC (Deputy), WIBSB. |
| Linda Brown | Cowes South | 295222 | FC, PC, TIC, NRG, AC, CDTA, IWSCAG, TW. |
| John Corby | Cowes North | 07798753962 | FC, AC, CHCAG. |
| Veronica Cowan | Cowes West | 200415 | PC, IWALCEC, (Deputy). |
| Stuart Ellis | Cowes Medina | 246352 | FC, NRG, AC, SCCWL (Deputy) |
| Paul Fuller* | Cowes North | 289595 | NRG., IWALCES |
| Lynn Hammond | Cowes Medina | 282308 | AC, GNVG (Deputy), TW. |
| Jon Matthews | Cowes Medina | 247498 | GNVG, MATCA. |
| Mark McNeill | Cowes North | 07790777101 | PC, AC, CBA (Dpty), CHCAG (Dpty), SCCWL. |
| John Nicholson* | Cowes South | 619130 | PC, TIC, NRG, AC. |
| Lora Peacey-Wilcox* | Cowes Medina | 247177 | FC, TIC. |
| Bob Robinson | Cowes West | 294234 | PC, TIC, CDTA (Deputy). WIBSG. |
| David Walters | Cowes North | 200734 | FC, TIC, AC. |
| Wendy Wardrop | Cowes North | 298687 | PC, AC. |

* Also Isle of Wight Councillors

Any written communications to councillors to be sent via the Cowes Town Council offices and any email communications to councillors to be copy emailed to Cowes Town Council offices please for record purposes. Email addresses of councillors can be found on the Town Council website, www.cowestowncouncil.org.uk.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS TO COMMITTEES & OTHER BODIES

In May the Town Council held its Annual Meeting at which time the current Mayor and Deputy Mayor were returned to office for their final year, of the maximum two year term. The meeting also appointed Council representatives to the various sub-committees; the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor sit on all such committees. Against the listing of Councillors above, there are notations indicating on which committees those councillors sit on as well as those outside bodies where the Council has representation.

The legend being:

FC- Finance Committee. **PC**- Planning Committee. **TIC** - Town Improvements Committee. **NRG** - Northwood Recreation Ground Committee. **AC**- Acquisitions Committee. **CBA** - Cowes Business Association. **CDTA** - Cowes Deauville Twinning Association. **CHCAG** - Cowes Harbour Commission Advisory Group. **GNVG** - Good Neighbour Volunteer Group. **CPALG** - Cowes Police Local Action Group. **HPF1D1** - Highways P.F.1. District One. **IWSCAG** - Island Waste Services Community advisory Group. **IWALCEC** - Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils' Executive Committee. **MATCA** - Member Auditor- Town Council Accounts. **SCCWL** - Shoreside Committee Cowes Week Ltd. **TW**- Tree Wardens. **WIBSG** - Wight in Bloom Steering Group

MEETINGS

Our next full council meeting is at 7pm on Thursday 3rd July with a summer break until the next which is on the 4th September. Meetings are in the Parish Hall at St. Mary's Church until further notice when we move to Northwood House. All are most welcome to attend.

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