

**MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH  
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28th MARCH 2017 AT 7.30 PM IN THE  
TENNYSON SUITE OF THE MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: M Wheeler (Chair), C Fleury, G Kennett MBE,  
G Cameron, B Hobbs, D Eccles, A Bamford, C Bray, B Hinton MBE, A  
Harris, S Allen and J Medland.

8 Members of Public

**APOLOGIES:** None

**NOTICE AND WELCOME:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and signed the Convening Notice. He also welcomed the guest speaker Mr Matthew Chatfield.

**1. GUEST SPEAKER MR MATTHEW CHATFIELD**

Cllr Wheeler thanked Mr for.

**2. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:**

It was **resolved** the Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015, having been, circulated and agreed, be approved and signed (BAH/AH).

**3. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:**

The Chairman gave the 2016 Annual Report for the year. Copy attached to Minutes.

**4. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL HALL ARTS AND LEISURE COMPANY:**

Cllr Anne Bamford, Chairman of the Memorial Hall Arts and Leisure Company gave the report for the year. Attached to the Minutes.

**5. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNITED CHARITIES TRUST:**

Cllr Brenda Hobbs, Chairman of the United Charities Trust gave the report for the year. Attached to the Minutes.

**6. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF FRESHWATER LIBRARY:**

Ann Fraser, Chairman of the Friends of Freshwater Library gave the report for the year. Attached to the Minutes. Cllr Hinton congratulated those involved at the library for their excellent work.

**7. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FYT BUS:**

Cllr Adrian Harris, Trustee of the FYT Bus gave the report for the year. He said that the year had been very successful for FYT Bus with a grant having been received for 2 new buses. They had won the community action award. There had been a successful party at Farringford House with a treasure hunt which attracted 70 people. Cllr Harris thanked the volunteers who now numbered some 140. FYT Bus had been nominated for the Queens Award and the results would be in May 2016.

In July 2015 the Brighstone route had started as a pilot and in March permission was given for this to be a permanent route. Amongst others it has helped Shorwell residents whose GP's are in Brighstone.

Cllr Hinton said that FYT Bus had been a lifeline for people in Freshwater Bay who were badly served by Southern Vectis. More was needed at weekends he said.

#### **8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE SUPPORTERS OF THE MEMORIAL HALL**

Cllr Sandra Allen gave the report for the year. Attached to the Minutes.

#### **9. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

A question was asked about trees which had been cut down near Stroud Coppice. Cllr Bray said that these were on the edge of the coppice and not the responsibility of the Parish Council and the work had been done by Southern Households. There was however a management plan for the coppice.

A question was also asked about Fort Victoria. Cllr Medland said that the Isle of Wight Council had retained this because of the complexity of the site. However thought needed to be given as to who will look after it in future.

#### **10. OTHER MATTERS**

The Chairman said that discussions with Isle of Wight Council had included the green space at Freshwater Bay and the Lifeboat station and boat park. Tim Nicholson chair of Freshwater Bay residents' association said that the area had been badly affected by storms 2 years ago. Isle of Wight Council had acted quickly for which his organisation was grateful but it was unlikely that IWC would help in the same way now. A working party was removing stones. Cllr Harris said that the Lifeboat would be interested in the boat park.

It was acknowledged that this area was high maintenance and discussions were at an early stage.

Cllr Fleury said that the Piano Bar was an excellent facility.

The Chairman called the meeting to a close and thanked everyone for attending the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed 9.00 pm.