

**MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20th MARCH 2018 AT 7.30 PM IN THE
TENNYSON SUITE OF THE MEMORIAL HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors: G Kennett MBE (Chair), A Bamford, C Fleury, G Cameron, C Bray, A Harris, T Nicholson, V Lowthion, D James and H White.

Members of Public 18

APOLOGIES: Cllr B Hobbs B Hinton MBE and D Eccles

NOTICE AND WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and signed the Convening Notice. She also welcomed the guest speaker Mrs Sally Gaeta.

1. GUEST SPEAKER MRS SALLY GAETA – WEST WIGHT TIME BANK

Sally spoke about how the time bank worked. It had 72 members and 3300 hours had been exchanged. There was involvement with food redistribution with Sainsburys, the allotments and the community cook up. The drop and swap scheme helped families and supplied parcels for children in care. There was a community garden where 50% of produce went to the community.

Cllr Kennett thanked Mrs Gaeta for her talk and there was discussion on how the Parish Council would be able to help West Wight Time Bank in the future.

2. CLLRS VIX LOWTHION & DANIEL JAMES – PLASTIC FREE FRESHWATER

Cllr Lowthion presented a Power Point presentation. She asked that the Parish Council consider passing an appropriate resolution in due course.

Cllr James spoke regarding reusable bags and water bottles which he was discussing with retailers.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

It was **resolved** the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2017, having been, circulated and agreed, be approved and signed.

4. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:

The Chairman gave the 2018 Annual Report for the year. Copy attached to Minutes.

5. 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.

6. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNITED CHARITIES TRUST:

Cllr Bamford gave the report of the United Charities Trust for the year. The charity had helped a student at Brockenhurst College.

7. 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.

8. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FYT BUS:

Cllr Adrian Harris, Trustee of the FYT Bus gave the report for the year. Attached to the minutes.

9. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were questions about parking in Gate Lane and resurfacing of Victoria Road.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.