

Councillor Arthur Taylor - Ryde North West Ward

Annual Report, May 2011

Following the completion of 2 years as Chairman of the Council I continued to serve on the Licensing and General Purposes Committee, was re-appointed to the Planning Committee, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel and was also appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Locally residents were mainly concerned with various Planning applications

Some residents of the new Salvation Army hostel have caused problems but these have largely been addressed by the management.

It was disappointing that the approved sale of Ryde Town Hall did not proceed and it is hoped that re-advertising will produce a new viable purchaser.

While the Waterside Pool will remain open until October the future remains uncertain and cause for concern. It is still hoped another organisation will provide a viable solution and preserve the facility for Islanders and tourists.

I was pleased to join the newly formed Ryde Town Local Action Group. This group was promoted by the Police and is represented by councillors, local business people and other interested organisations with the object of reducing crime and disorder in Ryde.

I also serve on the Ryde Townscape Heritage Initiative which recently completed landscape improvements in Ryde High Street and John Street funded by the Tesco 106 agreement.

The RTHI has been able to aid the improvements of many buildings in the High Street, Union Street, Cross Street, the Espanade and the Collonade, Lind Street

As a Council appointed trustee I have attended meetings of the Augusta Wilder Charity which is responsible for running a residential property in Newport Street

Greenmount Primary School of which I am a governor will be taking over Mayfield Middle School in September and we are hoping for a smooth transition

Very few Council meetings, seminars and training sessions have been missed in the past year

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