

Annual Report 2018

Councillor John Medland – Freshwater South Ward

I was e-elected as Councillor at the general county election in May 2017 with 520 of the 1,026 votes cast among five candidates. As I am liable to work shifts daytime or evening any day of the week I did not seek to take a role on any of the Council's sub-committees.

I have taken part in all the meetings of the Full Council. In November I proposed a motion to establish a 'Dark Sky' policy into the IWC's planning procedures to assist efforts to have the Isle of Wight recognised as a Dark Sky county. The motion was agreed. I also continue to have an active role with Frack Free Isle of Wight attending and often chairing the monthly meetings and attending public events.

At a local level I attend each main monthly and supplementary planning meeting of Freshwater Parish Council. I make a written monthly report to the Parish Council. I have continued in the role of Secretary to the Patients Participatory Group for the Brookside Health Centre.

I hold a monthly surgery at the Memorial Hall Mini Market and make a point of visiting most of the Tuesday morning 'Our Place Café' at the West Wight Sports and Community Centre.

I attend the quarterly meetings of the Freshwater Bay Residents Association. I occasionally attend meetings of Freshwater Independent Lifeboat and facilitated the agreement of a new 50 year lease with the IW Council for the Boathouse. I assisted the renegotiation of the inappropriate Traffic Regulation Order for Freshwater Bay.

I maintain a regular contact with the Area Warden of Island Roads on a range of local issues and also occasionally deal with issues raised with Amey over waste collection and Southern Housing on land management issues.

John Medland
May 2018