

Mayor's Report

27/9/2023

6/9/23 Attended Chamber of Commerce meeting

Passed on request from Cllr Evans re participation on the Working Group on parking and metering to give the business perspective and Cllr Milton's request to reach out to businesses to increase the town's representation.

The Chamber will explore working with STC on meters.

The Chamber intends to reach out to Salcombe Businesses.

Mayor of Kingsbridge announced that The Police Station was due to reopen late in the year (maybe early January) and Lloyds Bank was to close.

Mayor of Modbury updated the Chamber on the expected road closures which due to public/business pressure will now not affect Christmas, delayed until 2nd week in January /24 and only expected to last 6 weeks not the original 12 weeks due to advances in the piping technology to be used.

Chamber delayed making a donation to Salcombe Live 23 as it is proposed to be a reduced event only benefiting a few venues.

10/9/23

Assisted in the removal of the jubilee bunting, the volunteers just missed a soaking. The town owe a big thanks to the group for their time and dedication. Roger Moore is to dry/ sort and store the bunting and all wanted to know what next year's theme will be?

15/9/23

Attended Mayor and Clerks meeting at Follaton House

Good to meet in person all the local mayors and town clerks.

Meeting chaired by Julian Brazil (JB)

He spoke of the need to pass assets back to the Town/Parishes, I asked if Salcombe Harbour were to be included in these assets he indicated that it may become a Trust Port.

The need for a corporate strategy specific to Salcombe to support business and The High Street with 5 towns each having a Local Officer as a point of contact.

Freeports, reminding the group that almost all of South Hams was in the Freeport area and encouraged all to look into its benefits.

He put forward the slogan

"Inside Influencing not outside throwing bricks" should be the way forward.

Concerns about the change in class 2 planning allowing barns to be converted into private homes without any planning permission being needed, although ANOB and National Parks are not at present included, JB thought that it was only a matter of time before Westminster would change the law to include them the effects being disastrous to our area.

SHDC looking into the unfair advantage that farm shops and garden centres have over the High Street.

JB encouraged STC to include its parking issues in the forthcoming Economic Plan.

JB would be happy to attend STC for an informal meeting to discuss any issues.

SHDC would be looking at micromanagement of assets including car parking.

SHDC Waste recycling was to emphasise.... REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

SHDC and DCC were in joint discussions on parking and enforcement.

JB was very positive on the initiative to revamp the town's parking and was keen to point out that SOLUTIONS NOT PROBLEMS was the way forward for the towns.