

Liberal Democrat Party Isle of Wight Executive Meeting

Monday 27th Jun 2022, 19:00, Brighstone.



Attendees: Nick, Megan, Steph, Chris P

Apologies: Bob P., Andrew.

1. Previous Minutes

Previous minutes were accepted.

2. Treasurer's report and fundraising

The total amount in our account is now £3083,84.

Nick will chase the bank regarding the signatures needed for the local party's bank account.

3. Council report

Council report from Andrew:

The council has received the full report of the peer review of Planning. Among its recommendations are urgently finalising and adopting the Island Plan, and rebuilding trust between councillors, officers and community.

Cllr Michael Lilley is leading for the Alliance administration on aiming to get agreement on the Island Plan. I have met with him and set out specific concerns relating to the allocation of housing numbers to Parkhurst & Hunnyhill ward. These are about reducing the number further to protect the forest, and to reduce the inevitable strain on infrastructure and services in this area of Newport. I have said that the Island Plan should provide for an overarching masterplan for this area, including the NHS estate if possible. The Conservative group has published proposals which would bring in a further brownfield site within Newport, have a very high number for Parkhurst & Hunnyhill, and remove sites in Bembridge and Freshwater.

There is widespread concern about the delivery of affordable housing, particularly using modular housing. Cllr Ian Stephens described things as "ground to a halt". To address this the Alliance administration has added a further cabinet member with a shuffle of responsibilities. In addition there is to be some reorganisation within council departments.

There has been agreement to form a 'transformative change working group'. I am waiting on clarification from Cllr Chris Jarman that this will include looking for a better

model than the Cabinet-Scrutiny one for the Isle of Wight so that all councillors will be able to be part of executive decision making.

4. Membership report

Current members: 138

Supporters: 58

The number of supporters is 3 up from the last Executive meeting.

5. Parish Council reports

Nick, Brighstone Parish Council and Calbourne Parish Council:

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration was very successful in both parish councils.

Steph, Northwood Parish Council:

The Parish Council arranged a picnic in the park for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and it was a great success.

6. Campaigning

An Isle of Wight councillor is facing serious charges against him and might therefore have to resign as councillor. This would leave a vacancy in the Isle of Wight Council and in Wootton Bridge Parish Council. Steph will approach a Lib Dem candidate that might be able to fill that vacancy.

We need to reduce our campaign policies to max 5, preferably 3, so that we can push through a clear message.

Chris proposed that we retrieve the campaign material from the Tiverton & Honiton by-election campaign. Nick will chase this.

Steph will make enquiries about the process of becoming a parliamentary candidate for the Lib Dems.

7. Social gathering

Next social will be on Thu 28th July, 3pm, at the Ventnor Botanic Garden, The Plantation Room Café.

8. AOB

Megan will check what our responsibilities are regarding the "standing orders" for our local party.

Next exec meeting will be Mon 25th July.

The AGM will be held on Sat 19th Nov, at 4pm, in Newport. Nick will book the venue.

Meeting ended at 8:15 pm.