

Arundel Town Council

The Mayor's Diary

September 11 th	<p><u>Town Hall Roof working group.</u></p> <p>Decisions: (1) to get a 'pilot' tender from a supplier known to Michael Fountain, (2) continue to take booking for autumn 2021 since the dates when the work will be done are unknown, explore the process for a local authority loan with Mark Mulberry and push ahead with Katie Rabone's grant-seeking project when she returns from holiday.</p>
September 11 th	<p><u>Dementia Friendly 'training session at the Lido.</u> 30 people attending. There is momentum for a community group to form and to work on '<i>Making Arundel Dementia Friendly</i>'. A link councillor would be helpful.</p>
September 11 th	<p><u>Project Leap:</u> Informal conversation with David Wood on <i>Project Leap</i>. No easy funding options, but recognition that <i>Leap</i> fulfils a community need. Confirmation that ATC's redeployment of the earmarked Lido reserve was economic necessity in the light of lost wedding/event income through Covid, but does not reflect any diminution of support for the Lido.</p>
September 14 th	<p><u>Communications working group</u> meeting. Website banners to be updated to highlight new content on the site. In 2021 the Council website may take on a different role as council content also appears on the new Arundel Resident website.</p>
September 15 th	<p><u>The Bee Project.</u> Long meeting with Nick Field on The Bee Project. Identification of a all the actions that need to be taken to make this happen. Overall an outstanding opportunity for Arundel, which could lead to Arundel being officially recognised as the UK's first ecological 'Bee Friendly' town, with a 'Bee Festival' in June/July 2021. I will act as Link Councillor, but a steering group/committee needs to be formed to support Nick. Organisations ranging from DEFRA to the Arundel Brownies have expressed interest in the project.</p>
September 15 th	<p><u>Marketing.</u> Meeting with Janet Batty regarding the possible formation of a voluntary/semi-voluntary Arundel Marketing group. Conclusion that the Chamber of Commerce (including the Attractions) would need to be the 'client' in terms of establishing the plans which the marketing group would execute creatively. This role is distinct from the Town Manager role, though the co-existence of the two roles would benefit Arundel.</p>
September 15 th	<p><u>Chamber of Commerce.</u> Meeting with Sharon Blaikie in her Chamber of Commerce role to discuss the likelihood of money from the 'Safe Re-opening of High Streets' fund for any Quarter 4 activity in the town. Application made to ADC (limited success but the emphasis in awarding funds is very much on 'safety' measures rather than economic revival).</p>

September 17 th	<u>ADC</u> . Meeting with Town Clerk and Jackie Follis (Head of Policy (ADC) and Shirley Quinlan (PA to CEO) to plan the Agenda for the October 20 th Liaison Meeting.
September 18 th	<u>ARUNDEL CLEAN-UP DAY</u> 30+ residents, strong Mackley Cohort, St. Philip's pupils cleaning up their school grounds. Lots of positive feedback during the day, some new volunteers for next time, and some good ideas for making the spring 2021 even bigger. Excellent photographic record of the day created by Charlie Waring.
September 19 th	<u>FARMERS MARKET</u> . Biggest yet, with some new traders and 33 stalls. New stalls. Residents commenting that they want to shop locally and now there are more stalls this is more possible. Market regarded as more welcoming and improved since the council took it over. New volunteer marshals enjoyed the day and want to come back in October. Overall good feeling, and retailers happy with turnover.
September 21 st	<u>Arundel at Christmas campaign</u> . Meeting with Janet Batty, Sharon Blaikie and Ash Kent to review the 'Arundel at Christmas' campaign. Key issues are funding, getting consensus from businesses so late in the year, and the need for a (junior) marketing manager to work with the Chamber of Commerce to try and harness the skills and contribution of some of the creative talent in Arundel. Chamber of Commerce has some great films in the pipeline. Noted that the Arundel Visitor website is receiving increasing numbers of hits on the 'walking' pages.
September 23 rd	<u>Andrew Griffith meeting</u> . Meeting with Andrew Griffith MP, Michelle Taylor (Senior Researcher) and Joshua Funnell (constituency assistant), Andy Batty (Arundel Project Group) to discuss ways of working together for the benefit of Arundel, particularly on the Arundel Chord, the Ford Cycle path and Footpath, and the current impasse with WSCC over campervans on Mill Road. Andrew Griffith accepted the invitation to attend an Arundel Town Council meeting and meet the councillors (dates subsequently provided to Michelle Taylor). Group will reconvene in about 3 months to review progress
September 24 th	<u>Community Awards 2020</u> . Preliminary discussion with Town Clerk on the 2020 Community Awards (note on discussion sent to working group on 1 st October). <u>PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u> : agreement that with all the changes in planning policy emanating from government, we should try to find a voluntary Planning Advisor, comparable to our Tidal Flood Advisor and Tree Advisor. Role would include assisting the PAC and Council keep abreast of changes in planning policies and to fully understand their implications for Arundel.
September 25 th	<u>Farmers Market working group</u> meeting to consider the information that needs to be generated to enable the working group and market manager to manage the market accounting efficiently. RFO proposal for a separate bank account is not currently possible because even for existing customers Lloyd's are not currently creating any new accounts. Current methods are cumbersome but figures confirm that market is generating modest profit even after paying the initial start-up costs. This profitability excludes the utilisation of the Town Hall

	Events Manager's time, but a better SAGE process would reduce that time requirement significantly. Cllr. Tu has undertaken to find an effective process.
September 25 th	<p><u>Letter to Andrew Griffith</u> MP, asking for his thoughts on the Ford ERF planning application. Some residents at the Farmers Market had raised this question. His response is now on his website at https://www.andrewgriffithmp.com/ford-efw. He has asked us to make it public.</p> <p><u>Letter to Mackley</u> thanking them for their contribution to the Arundel Clean Up day, and inviting them to come again in the Spring.</p>
September 28 th	<u>Planning</u> : Draft advertisement for a Planning Advisor.
September 29 th	<u>Grant-hunting for the Town Hall Roof</u> : Meeting with Town Clerk, Sue Roderick and Katie Rabone to kick-off the process of seeking a grant towards the cost of repairing the Town Hall roof. Katie will revert to us in late October, by which time she will have had initial conversations with a number of potential funders.
September 30 th	<u>Swallow Club</u> . Attendance (self-funded) at the Swallow Club dinner, with presentation the Love Arundel consultation and subsequent discussion on Arundel's 'human capital' and how to find more people to participate in the town's projects.
October 1 st	<u>The Bee Project</u> . Meeting with Sue Furlong and Steve Hill (WSCC) and Nick Field to discuss WSCC's involvement in The Bee Project. Grasstex, WSCC's contractor, will prepare, plant and (tbc) maintain both the roundabouts, assuming that Arundel Town Council adopt the Ford roundabout. We have asked whether they will also do similar work on both parts of Arundel station. Grasstex will come to Arundel on 8 th October to inspect the sites. Detailed report written on the meeting.
October 2 nd	<u>Campervans on Mill Road</u> . Review ex-Mayor James Stewart's archive of correspondence on the campervan issue
October 6 th	<u>Letter to WSCC on Campervans</u> . Following on from the recent discussions with Gary Markwell, Grant Roberts, Andrew Griffith and James Stewart.
	<u>FORTHCOMING</u>
October 8 th	<p>Cycling & Walking working group. Cllr. Gary Markwell to attend to attempt to synchronise his Ford pathway initiative with the existing initiative.</p> <p>Bee Project meeting with WSCC and Grasstex</p>
October 9 th	<p>Town Manager working group</p> <p>Community Awards working group</p>
October 15 th	<p>HR working group</p> <p>COUNCIL MEETING</p>

Response from Andrew Griffith MP (to letter sent on 25th September)

A MESSAGE TO CONSTITUENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED EFW INCINERATOR EXPANSION AT FORD FROM ANDREW GRIFFITH MP

“I am extremely concerned by Viridor and Grundon Waste Management’s proposed expansion of the existing Energy from Waste incinerator facility at Ford.

Although the facility is not within the constituency of Arundel and South Downs, I fully understand and share the concerns of residents in Arundel, Tortington, Walberton and Binsted who are rightly anxious about the ramifications of this proposal.

I feel that the significant increase in the number of vehicles along the A27, Ford Lane and Yapton Lane to facilitate the construction and operation of this expanded facility is unacceptable. This increase would negatively affect congestion on these roads and could be detrimental in terms of local air pollution.

Furthermore, the proposed EfW facility’s consented application shows the design of a chimney 50 metres in height, taller than the spire of Chichester Cathedral, with the tallest building proposed to have a height of 22 metres. This means that the proposed facility is nearly double the size of the site originally set out in the planning application approved in 2015. This represents an undesirable blight on the landscape local area in the shadow of the South Downs National Park.

I am fully supportive of my colleague Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP’s action calling on West Sussex County Council to ensure that any expansion of the current facility remain in line with the plans approved in 2015. I also welcome Arun District Council Development Control Committee’s objections to the site.

I do not believe the UK should be exporting waste overseas for disposal but as I understand it, plans already agreed for the expansion of a waste facility in Horsham will make West Sussex ‘self - sufficient’ in waste disposal already. Longer term, the answer must be that we all reduce waste and packaging with shorter supply chains and more recycling of materials such as glass and metal containers.”

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