

IOW Councillor Report July 2019 for Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Council

My Visit To Forest Road Recycling Plant with Natasha Dix

As the new Cabinet Member for Procurement, Waste Management and Special Projects I thought I had better get a visit in to the new Recycling Plant in Forest Road especially as the site has had trials already with further trials to come later this year with a view of opening fully by early next year.



The site is as impressive as it looks and will facilitate the diverting of 90% of our waste from going to landfill forward and any that can't be recycled will be burned to produce energy.

This energy will be able to provide power to the grid or even via direct lines supply some of the council's own buildings locally and of course it will cover its own running costs.

The furnace will be so efficient that it will burn at very high temperatures and practically nothing will escape into the air, as it will contain every last piece of waste to turn into energy without the loss of fumes.

The boiler was very impressive, about the size of small house and the radiator section was itself like a sidewall of a block of flats.

On site you are reminded of its environmental credentials as you look through the site straight into the forest with all the green trees in your site.

Once the site is operational there will be visits for schools and other groups to learn all about it at the visitor centre, as Mathew Chatfield says, it could be the new visitor attraction for the Island, Waste World!!



Picture shows Natasha Dix and I on our visit to the Mechanical Treatment Plant in Forest Road with some of the bales of cans and plastics ready for recycling. This has been a long hard road for Natasha and she deserves the credit for making this happen. When the plant opens after the next set of trials probably around the beginning of next year it will be the culmination of some 8 years of hard graft, careful design work and contract negotiation with Amey. I would like to put on record a big thank you to Natasha and her Waste Management Team at the Council and the award they received recently at the

National Recycling Awards was well deserved. Well done indeed!



This is the interior of the plant on a trial sorting the waste to where it needs to go to prepare for packing ready to recycle.

Resource Recovery Park - Forest Road

THE Island's unique environment is one of its greatest assets and it's the council's role as a custodian to ensure it is maintained, enhanced and protected for future generations.

The authority's plans to improve waste and recycling management have been to the fore in recent years and will remain so in the future.

Nearly 2,000 tonnes of garden trimmings and clippings were collected from the kerbside in 2018/19

The recycling rate for the Island now stands at 54 per cent, a rise of more than 90 places in national rankings, to 51st out of 345 local authorities.

Meanwhile, two new state-of-the art facilities which make up our Forest Road resource recovery park at Newport are earmarked for opening later this year.

It will mean the Island will no longer have to process its recycling on the mainland, saving money in transport, creating energy from waste and reducing the carbon impact of our services.

One of the new facilities is a mechanical sorting plant, which when in full operation will mean all the Island's dry recycling will be sorted and graded in the plant, ready for market.

- All our paper and card will be baled and sent to UK paper mills and our mixed material cartons (juice cartons and crisp tubes) will also get recycled.
- Our food waste will continue to be bulked up at the site and sent to anaerobic digestion to make compost and electricity from the gases.
- Our black bag waste will be sorted, pulling out the lower quality recyclables (also for market) and then up to 44,000 tonnes of non-recyclable waste a year will be converted into fuel for the neighbouring energy-from-waste facility.

The energy-from-waste facility will turn the fuel into electricity to power the site and for sale back to the National Grid.

National Recycling Awards

Congratulations to Natasha Dix and her Waste Management Team as we all travelled to London for the National Recycling Awards in which the Isle of Wight Council working with Amey were nominated in a category of most improved recycling service.

Only the nominated Councils and Companies were invited so all in the room were already winners but some went away with an additional award.

On this occasion we didn't get the additional award but we vowed to come back next year stronger and in more categories and with the new Forest Road plant up and running by then we are confident of achieving even more.

Green waste collection success

Our green waste kerbside collection scheme has also proved a great success, with the latest figures showing that 7,000 people have signed up with nearly 2,000 tonnes of garden trimmings and clippings collected in 2018/19.

At present this service is to capacity and we are building up a waiting list, however because there is such demand we are now looking to add another vehicle to this service in order to release the waiting list and add more subscribers for the remainder of this year at a pro rata rate. I am also working on the Council's IT System to be able to set up direct debits for this and other services which cannot be done at present. This will make it easier to pay and to roll over to the next year without having to re-apply each year.

Shorwell Midsummer Fair



What a fabulous day we had for the Shorwell Midsummer Fair this year. After all the bad weather in recent times the sun shone all day and it really did bring out the crowds who were clearly enjoying the fine weather and entertainment on offer.

My wife Beverley and I volunteered to help out in the Tea Tent alongside Bob Seely MP and a whole lot of other volunteers including the local Scouts who

were doing a great job as the tent was massively busy because everybody needs tea and cake!

Best wishes, Steve