

Chairman's Report – Fishbourne Parish Council 14th January 2021

Christmas Tree – The tree has been planted and a post installed for the solar recharging unit. Sarah and I ended up doing the recharging but next year it would be useful if Councillors nearer the location could take the task over. I am now in a position to train anyone. The lights are now in my workshop although it would be preferable if they were in a store.

Down to the Coast – A meeting this afternoon to discuss the future of the project (which officially ended on 31st December) to consider any opportunities for a follow-on project. I suspect this will fail through lack of funding but there is discussion of links with the Biosphere and enhancing ANOB areas to protect our countryside.

Wightlink – The local manager has promised us a meeting to discuss future operations at Fishbourne but the lockdown has stalled any progress on this.

Meetings with Bob Seely – Another Zoom meeting proceeding the Parish meeting. Detail of injection roll out and hospital cases given. St. Mary's is almost at maximum capacity, with some staff travelling from the mainland. It's possible that in the next two weeks some patients will be flown to other hospitals on the mainland. Cases are then expected to drop. The last week has seen the most number of cases on the Island since the pandemic started.

Lockdown – Other than by internet I am not having any meetings at the moment, this situation is unlikely to change until I receive a vaccination.

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