

Councillor report: Sarah Talbot

Managed to get the Newsletter out in good time with no known hiccups!!

Sustainability Forum on Thursday 13th Aug. 2pm.

Well attended online although not many councillors. Some passionate people on the call.

There were a number of Presentations all of which demonstrated some positive change but also a long way to go.

1. Local Island Transport Plan4 ...Kayleigh Richter.

Aim: To create a sustainable, efficient and inclusive transport system for IW.

Important not to simply cater for more cars!

Pursuing Active travel and Net Zero by 2050.

Planning to have totally electric bus fleet... already 30.

Issues: rural areas, some bus stops (being looked at for improvement), accessibility and safety, and important Behaviour Change .Low Carbon travel needs to be easier

2. Sustainable Tourism Lee Matthews ...

Environment Community and Culture.

Greenway scheme well underway. The last part should be going ahead in the next year.

The Growth and Prosperity Strategy Board ..looked at the Key priorities for the IW.

It was approved in Nov 2025, now planning actions to avoid duplication.... Outcomes are key to funding.

Successful Initiatives... Film studios in E Cowes, Vestas Green Flag sites and Young Enterprise.

3. Amelie presented on The Green Impact for Local Action..

Global online toolkit fully supported by UN and Unesco... Biosphere Investment Programme

4 Lastly, we heard about the England wide 'Local Nature Recovery Strategy,' which we have looked at before. It should be integrated into all the above and involve farmers, Parishes, IW Council, schools and health providers.

Autumn Clean Up Day

Please can we choose a date early in Nov , so it can go in the Newsletter and be at the start of the quarter that issue covers.

Thanks

Sarah