

Councillor Arthur Taylor – Ryde North West Ward

Annual Report 2012

Ryde North West Ward incorporates the largest night time economy on the Island with the usual problems associated with excessive late night drinking. The Ryde Town Local Action Group of which I am a member meets regularly and agrees priorities for the Police to act on. I attended another Friday night Police patrol which was an education regarding the problems the Police face and the admirable way in which they handle difficult situations.

A Community First award of a budget of £16,955 has been granted to Ryde North West and North East wards. The two ward councillors, Cllr Wayne Whittle and myself initiated what is now called the Ryde North Community Panel to administer the grant which is spread over 3 years. Applications have to be match funded and should support local projects that improve the quality of life for local people.

As a member of the Ryde Development Trust which has now been dissolved I was pleased that the balance of funds was given to the Waterside Trust which was successfully transferred from the Council.

As a Council appointed trustee I have attended meetings of the Augusta Wilder Charity which is responsible for administering a residential property in Newport Street.

Greenmount Primary School, of which I am a governor, has been successfully transferred to the former Mayfield Middle School.

Ryde Theatre is the main local concern and every effort must be made to put this prominent building to community use.

I have been pushing for new public toilets in the lower High Street area or the reopening of the toilets at Ryde Theatre.

At County Hall I continue to serve on the Planning, Licensing, General Purposes and Health and Wellbeing committees and have a very good record of attendance at Council meetings, training sessions and seminars.

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