

Cllr Frances Taylor  
November/December summary

In general, many of the activities I have been engaged in are ongoing and therefore there are few new headline topics. Please find below the some of the most notable.

. **School/sycamore playing field** – I recently attended a meeting at the school with the governors and the cabinet member for Education, Liz Hackett Pain. The meeting was to update the governors about the safeguarding issues identified. As you will be aware Cllr Hackett Pain offered to attend the Council's January meeting to provide an update, though due to the Community Council's wish for legal counsel and a very full agenda, the Community Council has suggested a meeting in February.

. I recently met with Kelly Beirne for a walk around **Magor** and to talk about some of the important issues. This has resulted in a further focus on Magor Sewerage Pumping Station from an Environmental Health point of view and brought further discussions about the proposed community centre to the forefront.

. **MUSLA** – I recently attended a positive meeting between the Council and MUSLA, the Council has renewed its commitment to the proposal and it has opened up further discussions regarding MUSLA's business model and the assistance which could be provided by the Council. I have also asked Kelly Beirne to write to the BLF on behalf of the Council providing a commitment to the shortfall required, subject to ongoing discussion and mutual co-operation.

. **Local Development Plan** – You will be aware that the LDP was passed in a recorded vote, 23 votes to 17 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. I proposed an amendment to take out the Quay Point site (22 hectares at Llandevenny proposed as a strategic waste site). The amendment was not successful. However, I would urge the Council if they are so minded to make representation to the consultation regarding the plan according to the guidance issued.

. **Magor Square** – I have begun as promised to talk to some of the businesses regarding the proposals for the square. There was concern expressed that 30 minutes is inadequate (which I also believe). Equally, there were comments made as to where the people currently parking in the square would go, as both sycamore and St. Mary's car park are full during the day. We do not wish to push people into predominantly residential areas. It is possible that we need to survey the car parks. I would suggest that 2/3 members of the working group need to take a few businesses/residents each give the same messages, then bring back their findings and organise a public event based on the amended views.