

## Amenities & Civic Centre Committee Report from Councillor Tim Banning

The Committee has met eight times during the year. The Committee has overseen a wide range of Council facilities and activities during the year. The management of the Council's parks and the Civic Centre continue to be the prime focus of the Committee.

The Town Council's play spaces again achieved a successful inspection by ROSPA with no high-risk items being identified. The play equipment and safety surfaces are ageing and it is recognised that options will need to be examined in the context of available funding for the future provision of equipment in the three play spaces. A replacement goal post has been provided in Chatsworth Park for one demolished by vandalism.

A consultation event for residents was organised in the Civic Centre to look at the proposals for a Parkour facility for young people. Consultation was also undertaken on the introduction of a "trim trail" in Chatsworth Park. The proposed location for the Parkour project was not popular with residents. The trim trail reached the second round of bidding for lottery funding but was regrettably rejected.

The introduction of monthly Bingo sessions by the Committee has proved popular with residents. Committee members host and manage the event and the Assistant Town Clerk undertakes the administration, cashiering and calculation of winnings.

The Committee members have continued to promote civic events and have organised a MacMillan Coffee Morning a successful Irish evening, Cockney evening and a firework display. All events have been free for residents. In addition a Christmas craft fair was organised in the Civic Centre, the event attracted over twenty stallholders.

The Committee have been instrumental in agreeing a new CCTV security and door entry system for the Civic Centre.

Two new benches have been installed on the cliff top Esplanade in memory of Councillor Sheila Chalmers and Councillor Arthur Tappenden. Two further benches were installed on the cliff top in east Saltdean and bench for the cliff top steps has been purchased and will be installed. To save costs the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk have volunteered to install it.

I would like to conclude by thanking my fellow Councillors for their continued support during my second year as Chairman of the committee. I would also like to thank the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk for all their assistance. .