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It's been a busy month with lots going on in Sandown. The arrival of the Beryl scooters has had a mixed reception and sadly, there have already been reports of misuse, some of which I have personally witnessed. I'm told that they do have some safeguards built in such as a very slow maximum speed if taken onto the revetment. This is a trial so if you have any comments to make, please get in touch with me.

I'm aware that some areas of our town have been subject to flooding in recent weeks. I recently met with our new Community Resilience Officer and together we are working on a Community Resilience Plan which will look at how best to plan for these situations as well as ways to prevent them from happening in the first place.

This brings me on to Southern Water and the issue with sewerage and effluent being passed into our beautiful bay, generally when storm water overloads the day to day system. If we are to retain our Blue Flag status, we need to ensure that our bathing water quality is consistently high. I'm working with Cabinet colleagues to address this issue directly with Southern Water and to challenge the current system of fining water companies a lesser amount than what is required to fix the problem at source. There are several places around our beautiful coast where this applies, but, in our case, mainly at Yaverland.

I have had several reports, from different sources, about a certain individual who is buying up non-runners, stripping any saleable parts from them, and then dumping what's left around the College Close and Faulkner Way Industrial estates and neighbouring residential streets. As many of you will know, we now have a fabulous team of PCSOs in the Bay area and I'm working closely with them on a range of issues. I have reported this individual to them and expect to see this practice stop in the near future.

Many of you will have seen the press release regarding a proposal for Dinosaur Isle, put out by a dedicated group of enthusiasts. My Cabinet colleagues in both Regeneration and Environment & Heritage are working hard to develop a plan with the local community that we can all embrace and that protects and

sustains our cherished heritage. I understand the depth of feeling that exists regarding our precious heritage and will make sure that residents' feelings are known at every stage of the process. I welcome your continued comments and thoughts on this.

I am now holding joint surgeries with our terrific PCSOs on the first Saturday of every month at 11am at Yaverland Sailing Club. During the summer, I will be holding some additional joint surgeries which will be advertised on my Facebook page.

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