



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 27/21

8 MARCH 2021

The purpose of this Report is to record developments since the last meeting not requiring an Agenda item at this meeting.

No. DETAILS

1) SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

- a) The level of requests for support is now considerably lower although calls are still being received through our help lines and collections of medications are being carried out on a daily basis by our volunteers.
 - b) A virtual meeting is arranged for the regular volunteers to discuss the situation later this month.
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2) OPENING UP

Unless the government advice changes, we're planning for the re-opening of the Outdoor Gym and Paddling Pool on 29 March. Signage will be restored with reminders of the importance of observing the requirements for Covid-safety.

3) OFFICE MANAGEMENT

- a) The office is still closed to the public under the current regulations.
 - b) Staff visit the office from time to time to deal with mail and deliveries and business otherwise continues as usual:
 - o Office-based staff phones are diverted to personal mobiles
 - o Email addresses are widely publicly available
 - o Parking permits and payments of other kinds including shopping are dealt with on line
 - o Virtual meeting sessions continue to be standard for both meetings including Members and between staff.
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4) DUDLEY ROAD CAR PARK

- a) From today 15 February for three weeks the Isle of Wight Council took over a large area of Dudley Road Car Park for use by its Belgrave Road contractors.
 - b) Arrangements were made for permit holders for Dudley Road who were unable to find a space during this time to use their permit in the Market Street Car park.
 - c) The requirement has now been extended for a further three weeks.
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5) SOUTH WIGHT PARISHES HEALTH AND WELLBEING FORUM

- a) The Forum, organised by the Town Council's Community Development Officer, for representatives of the 13 Town & Parish Councils in the South Wight to discuss the Island's Health & Wellbeing Services goes from strength to strength.
 - b) Its latest meeting took place virtually on Thursday 25 February with the guest speaker Sharon Kingsman, a Public Health Principal with the Isle of Wight Council for Care and lead for Public Health Commissioning, to talk about the Mental Health Alliance.
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6) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 16 February and 2 March with its next meeting planned for 16 March.
 - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 24 February.
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