



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 91/20

9 NOVEMBER 2020

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

**No. DETAILS**

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**1) OUTDOOR GYM CLOSURE**

Following government guidance for the new lockdown the Outdoor Gym was closed on Wednesday evening and will remain closed until the guidance changes or the lockdown is lifted.

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**2) CHRISTMAS TREE**

A Christmas Tree has been ordered and will be located in Spring Hill Garden.

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**3) VISIT ISLE OF WIGHT**

- a) Nick Cox and I had an interesting meeting on 22 October with Visit Isle of Wight's Chairman Ian Griffiths and Director John Allen to explore ways of working together for the benefit of Ventnor and the Island.
  - b) It followed an earlier meeting with Ventnor's John Allen from which he'd taken copies of the relevant pages of the Town Council's Strategic Plan for discussion with Ian.
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**4) BOB SEELY MEETING**

- a) I attended the latest in the Island MP's virtual meetings for Town and Parish Council representatives on Wednesday evening 4 November along with 22 others.
  - b) Bob Seely thanked IWALC's retiring County Officer Jill Webster for her work and welcomed new Chair Diana Convers.
  - c) The major subjects were the lockdown with the Island's MP explaining why he abstained on the vote to begin it followed by the matter of the government not providing free school meals during half term.
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**5) GARY PEACE MEETING**

- a) The Mayor and I met with County Councillor Gary Peace on Wednesday 21 October for a positive discussion of how he would assist the Town Council in progressing its regeneration projects.
  - b) In particular he said that he would arrange a meeting with us and the Isle of Wight Council's new Finance Portfolio Holder Brian Tyndall and a senior member of staff in the near future.
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**6) WORKING GROUPS**

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 20 October and 3 November with its next meeting planned for 17 November.
  - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 22 October and will meet again on 12 November.
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