



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 50/20

15 JUNE 2020

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

No. DETAILS

1) VENTNOR FOOD BANK

- a) The Isle of Wight Food Bank has decided to close the Ventnor Food Bank on 30 June.
 - b) A group of local volunteers are working to set up Ventnor's own Food Bank and Tony McCarthy is in support of their project.
 - c) The Island organisation has agreed the development.
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2) BUONO VISTA STEPS

The long-closed steps from Dudley Road Car Park to the Eastern Cliff have now been completely replaced by Island Roads; it's a very welcome improvement.

3) TOILETS RE-OPENING

- a) The Esplanade and Ventnor Park Public Toilets were both re-opened on Friday 5 June with arrangements to facilitate social distancing and an additional mid-day clean of both.
 - b) The Esplanade toilets are open from 9am to 7pm and Ventnor Park from 10am to 5pm.
 - c) Our cleaning staff are well equipped with appropriate PPE.
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4) HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (HALC)

- a) A recent meeting between the Chief Executive of HALC Dawn Hamblet and Dave Stewart the Leader of the Isle of Wight Council resulted in agreement that HALC would have a representative of its Island partners on the Council's Scrutiny Committee.
 - b) Dawn will be arranging a meeting with the Island councils aligned with HALC to agree the process for that appointment.
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5) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 26 May and 9 June with its next meeting planned for 23 June.
 - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 11 June.
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6) SOCIAL DISTANCING IN THE TOWN CENTRE

- a) Nick Cox and I met with the Isle of Wight Council's Head of Waste Services Natasha Dix and Director of Neighbourhoods Colin Rowlands to discuss their proposals for increasing social distancing in the town centre.
 - b) The main temporary changes will be the removal of on-street car parking in the area to allow the extension of the northern pavement with the use of barriers, a 20mph speed limit, extensive signage including white dots on pavements 2 metres apart.
 - c) They are making available to traders a range of downloadable signs for use in and outside their shops.
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