



# TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**REPORT 99/21**

**13 DECEMBER 2021**

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) NEW WEBSITE**

- a) Further to Minute 120/21 of the Town Council meeting of 8 November Zonkey Solutions Ltd have been appointed as the provider of the town Council's new web site.
- b) The Deposit of £1,500, being half of their estimate of the total cost, was paid on 26 November and direct discussions, led by the Town Council's Business Development Officer are in progress.

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**2) SOUTH WIGHT PARISHES HEALTH AND WELLBEING FORUM**

The Forum's latest meeting took place on Wednesday evening at Godshill Methodist Church with guest speakers this time being Footprint Trust's Lisa Beaney and Maggie Bennett of Alzheimers' Cafés and Safe Places.

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**3) LOCAL LITTER PICKING**

- a) The biggest recent collection of the town's litter to date took place on Sunday 21 November when 22 Litterpickers went into action led by Deputy Mayor Steph Toogood.
- b) They included four Town Councillors and a teacher and students from St Catherine's School who were proud to be involved but, as one of them asked, 'why to people throw their litter down?'

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**4) REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

The Town Council's arrangements, led by its Assistant Town Clerk and advised by the Ventnor Branch of the Royal British Legion, for the Memorial events worked well in enabling the traditional events to take place.

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**5) BOB SEELY MEETING**

I attended the latest of the meetings the Island's MP holds by Zoom for representatives of Town and Parish Councils on 8 December.

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**6) WORKING GROUPS**

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 16 and 30 November and will meet again on 14 December.
- b) The Community Development Working Group met on Thursday evening 2 December and plans to meet next on 6 January 2022.
- c) The 31 Bus Working Group met virtually on Monday 15 November.
- d) The Sustainability & Biodiversity Working Group met virtually on Wednesday 24 November and will meet next on 26 January 2022.
- e) The New Website Working Group met on 8 December.

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**7) IT UPGRADE**

Wight Computers completed the major upgrade of all our lap tops and transferred our 60,000 file staff information base from Drop Box to the Cloud as well as being available by phone and on-line support as we learned to live with the new system.

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8) **SALISBURY GARDENS**

- a) Repairs to Salisbury Gardens resulting from the recent storm damage are continuing with the scaffolding of the southern elevation still in place to access the roof damage.
  - b) The construction of a new, safe, internal access route to the roof is also underway and internal redecoration of the rooms affected by flood water damage has been commissioned for January.
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