



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 23/20

9 MARCH 2020

No. DETAILS

1) VENTNOR FOOD BANK

- a) We have been informed that Ventnor's Food Bank will close at the end of April due to a combination of reduced usage and the retirement of its volunteer Managers.
- b) The Island Food Bank organisers have told us they regret the closure but they have been unable to recruit new volunteer managers for it and that there is evidence that increasing numbers of Ventnor residents that qualify for Vouchers prefer to present them at other sites in Ryde, Newport and Lak

2) SOUTH LOCALITY PRIMARY CARE NETWORK (PCN)

- a) Alison and I joined the Mayor and Councillors Brian Lucas, Ian Bond, Jim Toogood and Colm Watling on the morning of 27 February for a meeting with Ventnor Medical Centre's Dr Oommen John.
- b) In his new role as Clinical Lead for the South Locality PCN he gave us the opportunity to understand the importance of the new Networks of GPs as part of the NHS's 10-year Plan.
- c) PCNs are developing teams of healthcare professionals, including GPs, pharmacists, district nurses, community paramedics, physiotherapists and other health workers, to provide tailored care for patients in their community.
- d) A Social Prescriber has been appointed here to help direct people to a whole range of non-medical services, like social clubs, community support groups and exercise activities that will help them take greater control of their own health and stay well.

3) DRAFT ISLAND HOUSING STRATEGY 2020-25

- a) The Town Council's response to the current Isle of Wight Council's consultation on its *Draft Isle of Wight Housing Strategy 2020-25* was submitted on 20 February.
- b) We've highlighted the importance to Ventnor of four issues – Second Homes, Affordable Housing, Houses in Multiple Occupation and Areas of Deprivation – asking that more attention be given to them.

4) CASCADE WATER FLOW

Thanks to good investigative work by one of our Councillors and with the help of John O'Conner Ltd, the blockage to the Cascade water flow has been found and removed.

5) CERTIFICATE IN LOCAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION (CILCA)

- a) Members are aware of the valuable contribution to the Town Council's work of our Administrator Morgan Williams.
- b) Following conversations with Alison, his line manager, about his professional development he has proposed taking the Level 3 qualification provided by the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) referred to as CiLCA and we have agreed to enter him for it with provision for study time.

6) SOUTH WIGHT PARISHES HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUP

- a) The Forum enables representatives from all the town and parish councils in the South area to meet with senior staff in the Island's Health & Wellbeing services.
 - b) It's organised by Tony McCarthy and held its latest meeting on Thursday 27 February when the guest speaker was Inclusion's Gary Hutchings.
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- c) A copy of his presentation about this Isle of Wight Council service is available by clicking [this link](#).
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7) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 18 February and 3 March; the next meeting is planned for 17 March..
- b) The Community Development Working Group met on 18 February and its next meeting is planned for 19 March.
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