



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 100/19

9 DECEMBER 2019

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

No. DETAILS

1) WEATHER WATCHING

- a) Local resident Mike Wood is retiring at the end of this year from his daily task of taking the readings at our Weather Centre and sending them to the Met Office after 30 years of ensuring that Ventnor's distinctive weather patterns are accurately recorded and available nationally.
 - b) He has also ensured that the work will continue by finding a replacement: Chris Watts will take over from 1 January 2020
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2) FIRST AID COURSE

- a) In the Green Room on Wednesday 13 November, Ventnor Town Council hosted a successful one-day Emergency First Aid at Work Training Course for local community groups and volunteers.
 - b) Thanks to the Isle of Wight Ambulance Service for delivering the training and Community Development Officer Tony McCarthy for organising the event.
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3) DIABETIC EYE-SCREENING SERVICE

- a) With Ventnor Medical Centre and Grove House Surgery services merging, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Diabetic Eye Screening Programme approached Ventnor Town Council regarding the possibility of a suitable venue in Ventnor where this crucial local screening service could continue to operate.
 - b) The Green Room was made available for the week 18-22 November with a view to continuing to accommodate this service for one week, every 3-4 months.
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4) CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas tree was delivered to Spring Hill Gardens last week by Thompsons Garden Centre. Many thanks to Ace Waste and staff Brian Roberts and Morgan Williams for assistance with erecting the tree and installing the lights.

5) SOUTH WIGHT PARISHES HEALTH AND WELLBEING FORUM

- a) The Forum, organised by the Town Council, brings together representatives from the 13 Town and Council parishes in the South Wight every six weeks to meet with senior staff in the Island's Health Services.
 - b) Its latest meeting was at Shorewell Methodist Church last Thursday when the guest speakers were the NHS Trust's Chief Executive Maggie Oldham and the Trust's Chair, Vaughan Thomas.
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6) YOUTH WORK FUNDING

- a) The application by our Community Development Officer Tony McCarthy and Youth Officer Matt Hitt to the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner's office's Violence Reduction Unit's funding has been successful.
 - b) It is a grant of £3,850 that will fund an additional evening's youth work each week for 32 weeks.
 - c) It brings the total of external funding we've accessed successfully since 2012/13 to £422,326.
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7) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL'S BUDGET MEETING

- a) The Mayor and I attended the seminar arranged by the Isle of Wight Council to discuss its
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2020/21 Budget with Town and Parish Councils on Wednesday evening 4 December.

- b) After a presentation which can't be published until after the election outlining the requirement to make further savings of £13.5M over the next three financial years discussion focused on how partnership working with Town and Parish Councils could assist in securing sustainability in delivering the best possible services to residents.

8) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 12 and 26 November with the next meeting planned for 10 December.
 - b) The Community Development Working Group's met on 28 November and its next meeting is planned for 9 January 2020.
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