



# TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 94/19

11 NOVEMBER 2019

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

## No. DETAILS

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### 1) ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES

- a) At its March 2019 meeting, Ventnor Town Council agreed to take on the responsibility of organising the two Annual Remembrance ceremonies each year.
  - b) In association with Ventnor's Royal British Legion, this year's Remembrance Sunday service was held yesterday at St Catherine's Church, followed by a parade to the War Memorial at Ventnor Park.
  - c) Amongst others, Lord-Lieutenant Susie Sheldon and her husband, together with High Sheriff Geoff Underwood and his partner Amy Shepherdly were invited and welcomed to the proceedings.
  - d) The Annual Remembrance Service took place today at 11:00am outside Ventnor's Royal British Legion Club in the High Street.
  - e) Thanks go in particular to its members Margaret & Frank Hunt and also Danny McMeechan for their valuable support and assistance in organising the events this year.
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### 2) AGENCY DAY AT ST MARGARET'S HALL

- a) An initiative by Tony McCarthy assisted by POA Learning, Citizens Advice and Southern Housing delivered a remarkable Agency Day at St Margaret's Hall on Thursday 7 November.
  - b) The Agencies available for information and information were: the Community Navigator, Ventnor Shed, Baby Box, Upper Ventnor Community Association, Alzheimer's Café, Age UK, Community Action – Volunteer Bureaux, Good Grief Trust, Wessex Cancer Trust, Footprint Trust, Working Towards Wellbeing, Glanville's Solicitors, Veteran's Outreach, Rob Hill Foundation, Action on Hearing Loss and People Matter
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### 3) UPPER VENTNOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

- a) Councillor Jason Mack and I had the latest of our 6-weekly meetings with the Association's Committee on Monday 28 October.
  - b) As always, it consisted of lively and constructive discussions of a wide range of topics including this time: contact with Councillors, the issues around planning permission for the local motor garage, the Boots Bus stop, the future of the Marlborough Road Public Toilet, the Cascade water flow and the ivy on the Cemetery walls.
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### 4) SOUTH WIGHT PARISHES HEALTH AND WELLBEING FORUM

- a) The latest meeting of the Forum was on 17 October at Niton Library with Tracy Savage, the Locality Director of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group as guest speaker.
  - b) The next meeting will be at Shorewell Methodist Church on 21 November when the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's Chief Executive Maggie Oldham will be the guest speaker.
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### 5) BONIFACE FIELDS

The Isle of Wight Council's Children's Services project in our Boniface Fields Allotments found publicity in the County Press:

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'CHILDREN in care and those with disabilities have been brought closer to nature, thanks to a new allotment project. Launched by the Isle of Wight Council's leaving care team, the project has given children and young people an opportunity to grow their own produce.

By taking care of the plot at Ventnor's St Boniface allotments, which has wheelchair access, they have been able to learn new skills. The project also aims to promote good mental health.

Team manager Karen Cheeseman said: "This project is about the community supporting young people and children with disabilities to be involved in an allotment and learn skills in horticulture as well as socialising and networking with each other and the wider community.'

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**6) WORKING GROUPS**

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 15 and 29 October with the next meeting planned for 12 November.
  - b) The Community Development Working Group's next meeting is planned for 14 November.
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