

REPORT 60/19

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

NO. DETAILS

- I) TOWN CENTRE HANGING BASKETS
 - a) Led by Councillor Jamie Macaulay with support from Ventnor Enhancement Fund the project to have Hanging Baskets at the front of shops in Pier Street and the High Street Group has already delivered 30 of the 46 scheduled.
 - b) Payments of £25 for each basket are being received in good time.

2) BONCHURCH OPEN GARDENS

The Boniface Fields Allotment Association joined in the weekend event of 6/7 July, sharing their remarkable development with visitors.

3) UPPER VENTNOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Councillor Jason Mack and I had the latest of our six-weekly meetings with the Upper Ventnor Community Association Committee on Monday 10 June with discussion about the improvement of the Cascades, new Ward boundaries, Health Visitors, Public Toilets and the Youth Club.

- 4) CHILDREN'S CENTRE
 - a) After becoming aware that the Albert Street Children's Centre is now only used by Barnardo's one day a week we requested a visit to the building that took place on 19 June.
 - b) That was followed on 2 July by a visit to our offices to discuss the future of the building and its services by the Barnardo's Child Services Manager Clair Steen and the Isle of Wight Council officer responsible for the management of the building Kelly Quinn.

5) VENTNOR BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

- a) The Mayor and I met with the Association's Tracy Ward and Bob Ventress for the regular bimonthly exchange of information and issues on Wednesday morning 3 July.
- b) They told us that a new Commipttee has now been appointed and that their 2019 version of the Ventnor Guide was now available for distribution of its 5,000 copies; planning has started for the 2019 Ventnorville event with the intention of including the Skating Rink for the second year.

6) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 27 June and its next meeting is booked for 9 July.
- b) The Community Development Working Group met on 26 June and its next meeting is on 17 July.