



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 52/19

10 JUNE 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) CASCADES

- a) The planted and unkempt areas of the Cascades were thoroughly cleared in late 2018 by John O'Conner grounds maintenance team in readiness for 2019 spring planting.
 - b) The beds have now been planted up by them and also Ventnor Enhancement Fund and it is a credit to both teams that the Cascades has once again been entered into the South and South East in Bloom 2019 under the category *Small Park of the Year*.
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2) FIRST AID HUT

The Town Council's Maintenance Manager Brian Roberts has re-painted and spruced up the First Aid Hut in readiness for the 2019 season, including staining/treating the outside decked area and steps leading down to the beach.

3) DAVE GRAY

- a) Dave Gray – a keen and very proficient surfer – was the Town Council's Beach Safety and Maintenance Officer who sadly passed away in January 2017.
 - b) A fitting tribute by way of a memorial plaque has been installed alongside others, along the wall at Sandown Esplanade and a "paddle out" commemoration takes place each year in memory of him.
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4) CENTRAL RESERVATION PLANTERS

- a) In a joint project with Ventnor Town Council, Ventnor Enhancement Fund have planted up and installed twelve troughs at the railings into Ventnor.
 - b) After a risk assessment of the area, VEF team worked extremely hard, planting up the troughs at Victoria Corner and transporting across to be affixed to the railings.
 - c) The Town Council has arranged the watering of them.
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5) VENTNOR SIGN

- a) Maintenance Manager Brian Roberts has strimmed around and painted the large white *Ventnor* sign set into the grass bank at West Cliffs.
 - b) The newly-painted bright white sign is clearly visible, both from land and see within the Ventnor Bay area.
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6) NORTH STREET PLAYGROUND

- a) At the inaugural meeting of the Committee of Longdown Residents Association Councillor. Leigh Geddes was elected Chair, Joanna Wells elected Treasurer and Wendy Marshall, Vice-Chair. Tony McCarthy agreed to act as Secretary until a resident who wished to take on the role came forward.
 - b) The meeting resolved to call on Ventnor Town Council to seek to take over ownership of the North Street Playground from the Ilse of Wight Council. This was proposed by Leigh Geddes and seconded by Wendy Marshall and unanimously agreed by the meeting.
 - c) This action was felt the best option to secure the long term future of the playground, to raise funds for new play equipment and to involve the local community in those improvements.
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7) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 21 May and its next meeting is booked for 4 June.
 - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 22 May and its next meeting is on 26 June.
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8) WAR MEMORIAL

- a) As no-one is officially responsible for the War Memorial structure and immediate surrounding area and weeds were growing around the base of the steps and paved areas, the Town Council arranged for the area to be tidied up.
 - b) Thanks goes to staff Kevin Williams and Brian Roberts who have weeded and swept as necessary.
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9) SOUTH WIGHT PARISHES HEALTH & WELLBEING FORUM

- a) The next meeting will be on Thursday 11 July at 7.30 pm at our Green Room.
 - b) The guest speakers will be Sally List from Mountbatten Hospice and Sue Gooden talking about the work of the Good Grief Trust.
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