



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 41/19

20 MAY 2019

The purpose of this paper is to record developments in the past month not requiring an Agenda item at this meeting

No. DETAILS

1 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

- a) The Annual Town Meeting followed the Annual Town Council Meeting on Monday 13 May at the Baptist Church. After a report from the Mayor on the previous year's work, the time was filled with stimulating presentations from a wide selection of the town's remarkable voluntary organisations.
- b) These included Ventnor Carnival Association, Friends of Ventnor Library, Ventnor Shed, Ventnor Enhancement Fund, Rew Valley Football Club, Baby Box, Ventnor Heritage Centre & Historic Society, Ventnor Allotment Association, Save North Street Playground, Ventnor Skatepark and Ventnor Artists Collective.

2 ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (IWALC)

- a) One of the changes agreed to the Isle of Wight Council's Committee Structure at its Council Meeting on 15 May reflected recent changes in the representation of the Island's Town & Parish Councils with seven of the 33 Town and Parish Councils on the Island – including Ventnor – no longer members of IWALC.
- b) The change agreed was: *The Scrutiny Committee includes one co-opted voting town and parish council representative currently appointed by Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC). As not all town and parish councils are a member of IWALC the reference to IWALC be removed and it is a matter for town and parish councils collectively to identify a representative to be a member of the Scrutiny Committee.*

3 SOUTH WIGHT LOCALITY PARISHES HEALTH & WELLBEING FORUM

- a) This Forum brings together representatives from the 13 Town and Parish Councils in the South Locality of the My Life a Full Life Programme to meet with senior staff from across all the Island's major health services led by Tony McCarthy and Councillor Jason Mack.
- b) Its latest meeting was on 11 April at All Saints Church in Newchurch. with two excellent speakers – Alice Webster, Director of Nursing and Communities at the IoW NHS Trust and Brian Martin, Technology Enabled Care Manager, IoW NHS Trust.

4 NEW SERVICES AT ST MARGARET'S HALL

- a) Thanks to work by Tony McCarthy and Dave Logan free adult education and employability & financial advice and support services are now available in Upper Ventnor every Thursday morning.
- b) These are general advice sessions with Julie from Southern Housing assisting with debt, money issues, benefits Universal Credit and housing issues and Dave Logan from POA Learning providing adult education, help with computers, distance learning and help with employability and CV writing.

5 SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH

Alison and I attended the quarterly meeting of the local SLCC Branch on Tuesday 30 April for the usual exchange of information and ideas around Town and Parish Council business.

6 VISITING STUDENTS

- a) As Members know, visits to Ventnor by groups of 'A' Level Geography students from mainland schools and colleges as part of their field trip stay at the Medina Valley Centre have become a

regular feature.

- b) On Wednesday 1 May Councillor Jason Mack answered questions about the town from a group of nine 9 A Level Geography students and two members of staff from Andover College.
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WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 9 and 25 April and 9 May; its next meeting is booked for 21 May.
 - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 17 April and its next is in the diary for 22 May.
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