



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 88/18

10 SEPTEMBER 2018

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

No. DETAILS

1) COMMUNITY LED HOUSING PROGRAMME

- a) The funding applications for Feasibility Studies of each of the two sites – Ventnor Central and the land in Upper Ventnor – where new affordable housing flats could be established have been submitted in a total of £10,000 each with the Town Council having committed £1,000 to each as match funding if the applications are successful.
 - b) Copies of the applications have been emailed to Members for information but are otherwise confidential at this stage.
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2) POP-UP LIBRARY

The planned Pop-up Library to provide access to Library Services during the High Street building's three-week closure for roof repairs is now established in Ventnor Central and opens for business on the day of this meeting.

3) SPRING HILL GARDEN

- a) A very successful formal opening event for this wonderful renewed facility for the town took place at 2pm on Monday 31 August.
 - b) Thanks are due to Councillor James Toogood for his care and oversight of the project, Dixcey Landscaping for the quality of their work, the volunteers who have kept the garden alive since 2004, the Big Lottery's Award for All stream for their £10,000 grant for the works and the generous Ventnor resident for her remarkable donation that completed the funding requirement.
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4) SALISBURY GARDENS

- a) We're delighted that as the original tenant of our Room 8 at the Salisbury Gardens moved on it has become the base for the Island's *Style of Wight*, a bi-monthly life-style magazine with a circulation of 68,000 distributed from 400 locations throughout the Island and 80 on the South Coast, from 1 September.
 - b) With the continued retention of Room 10 for storage, all the other 17 are occupied and a total of 35 people work from its offices.
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5) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 23 August and 4 September and its next meeting is booked for 18 September.
 - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 4 September next meeting is in the diary for 4 September and its next meeting is planned for 2 October.
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6) SOUTH WIGHT PARISHES HEALTH & WELLBEING FORUM

The latest meeting of the Forum took place at Sandown's Broadway Centre on 6 September.
