



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 43/18

21 MAY 2018

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

No. DETAILS

1) WALLGATE CONTRACT

- a) We have just completed the work necessary to sign off for the third year on the contract for the maintenance of the Wallgate handwashing machines in the Island's Public Toilets managed by Town and Parish Councils.
- b) The contract this year includes 139 machines across 13 of the Island's Town and Parish Councils.
- c) It was a Town Council initiative for the first year that Town and Parish Councils took on many of the Island's Public Toilets and discovered that Wallgate were quoting a much higher per unit maintenance charge than it had applied to the Isle of Wight Council on the grounds that they were due to deal individually with each Town and Parish Council.
- d) The thirteen agreed to our proposal for Ventnor Town Council to take on a single contract covering all of them and reclaiming the costs by invoicing the individual Town & Parish Councils.
- e) For Members' information, Ventnor has 16 of the machines, 10 in the Esplanade toilet and 6 in Marlborough Road, at a cost this year of £126.50 each.

2) SPRING HILL GARDENS

With the completion of the clearing of Spring Hill Gardens now the second spraying has had time to take effect the Contractor plans to return to the site on 25 May for the several weeks of work needed for the new Garden to be created.

3) ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

- a) The second meeting of the new Allotment Association at Boniface Fields took place on Monday 30 April to adopt a Constitution and discuss a range of matters including connections with Ventnor Shed, relationships with neighbours and discussions of the development of the Allotment area.
- b) These included dealing with the rubble that had been left in the area under the site of the large Portacabin that was in place until last December.

4) 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.
- b) This time the meeting was held in Niton on 25 April and the guest speakers were the Director of Adult Social Care Carol Tozer and the Mental Health Transformation Programme Lead Sue Lightfoot.

5) NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (NALC)

- a) On Tuesday 17 April the Mayor and I joined several other Town & Parish Councils invited to meet with the Chief Executive and Chair of the National Association of Town & Parish Councils (NALC) at the Riverside. As part of their one day visit to the Island.
- b) Jonathan Owen and Sue Baxter had asked to meet with representatives of the nine Town & Parish Councils that are not members of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) to explore why over a quarter (27%) of the Island's 33 Town & Parish Council had chosen not to be members.

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) They normally spend at least a day in the town exploring its challenges and opportunities and then spend an hour at Salisbury Gardens sharing their findings with Jason and asking him the questions their visit has prompted as part of their studies.
 - c) Two visits have taken place since the last Town Council meeting, one on the 18 April with 10 students from Andover and the other on 10 May with four from London's Kew School.
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7) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 10 and 24 April and 8 May; its next meeting is booked for 31 May.
 - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 26 April and its next is in the diary for 24 May.
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