



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 28/18

9 APRIL 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) FIRST AID HUT

- a) The completion of the regeneration of the First Aid Hut in time for the operation of the new season's Beach Safety service is very welcome.
 - b) With new windows, fascia and roof in place, thanks to early morning work from our Maintenance Manager Brian Roberts before the scaffolding was removed, it even got a fresh coat of paint.
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2) ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

- a) The first meeting of the residents allocated one of the 27 new Allotments now available in the lower of the two Boniface Fields took place on Monday evening last week in the single storey Portacabin unit.
 - b) The meeting agreed to set up an Allotment Association and appointed a Chair and Treasurer with our Community Development Officer Tony McCarthy as its temporary Secretary.
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3) LEADER'S MEETING

- a) The Mayor and I joined Chairs & Clerks from most of the Island's Town & Parish Councils at County Hall on Tuesday 27 March at the quarterly session the Leader of the Isle of Wight Council arranges to share information.
 - b) It was time well spent with a presentation from the Civil Servants leading Boundary Commission's review of our internal boundaries and two sessions led by the Isle of Wight Council's Head of Place Wendy Perera, one on the mechanics of the PFI Contract and the other on Planning Enforcement. Question and answer time was allowed for each element of the programme.
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4) EXTENDED FUNDING

- a) The Island's Local Care Board has agreed to a second year funding of £5,000 each for Ventnor Town Council, Freshwater Parish Council & Ryde Town Council to continue our lead roles in developing the Locality Health & Wellbeing Forums of Town & Parish Councils.
 - b) The Town Council has led the way with engagement of Town & Parish Councils with developments in the Island's health services and the latest meeting of the South Wight Parishes Health & Wellbeing Forum took place on Tuesday 13 March.
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5) FUNDING APPLICATION

- a) As agreed at the March Town Council Meeting a Pre-application form has been submitted to the War Memorials Trust for a grant to replace the shattered Slate Plaque addition to the War Memorial that was inscribed with the names of the fallen in World War Two.
 - b) If a full Application is invited in response, that will be assessed at the Grants Panel meeting of 30 June.
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6) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 27 March; its next meeting is booked for 10 April.
 - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 22 March and its next is in the diary for 26 April.
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7) MEDINA VALLEY STUDENTS VISIT

- a) The Mayor had his latest session with a group of A-level students from a mainland school based for a week at the Medina Valley Centre. This time the group were from Brighton College.
 - b) The focus of the discussion as usual was the potential for the town's regeneration.
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8) ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (IWALC)

- a) The Chair and Chief Executive of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) are visiting the Island on Tuesday 17 April and have asked to meet with the Clerks of the nine Town & Parish Councils not in membership of IWALC.
 - b) The purpose of the meeting, as described in the invitation email is for the visitors to *fully understand the whole dynamic of the Island*.
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9) ANNIVERSARY!

- a) It was at the April Town Council Meeting of 2010 that I was appointed – on a temporary basis! – as Ventnor's Town Clerk.
 - b) So, as usual at this time of year, it's my opportunity to thank the Town Councillors and staff I've had the privilege of working with in a shared commitment to the town's best interests that for me has proved uniquely stimulating and rewarding.
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