



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 18/18

12 FEBRUARY 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) SOUTH WIGHT LOCALITIES HEALTH & WELLBEING FORUM

- a) The latest meeting of the Forum, on 23 January, provided representatives from nine of the South Wight Locality's 13 Town and Parish Councils a unique opportunity to understand the issues and challenges facing the Island's NHS Trust as both its Chief Executive Maggie Oldham and Board Chair Vaughan Thomas attended.
 - b) The meeting was also joined by Footprint Trust's Ray Harrington-Vail and Lisa Toyne, Age UK IoW's parish council liaison officer.
 - c) Tony McCarthy and I attended last Friday what is known as the Leads' Meeting for the development of the Forums, when representatives of the Town & Parish Councils with responsibility for the Forums in each of the three Localities meet with the nominated My Life a Full Life Officer.
 - d) That role has now been taken on by the programme's Community Project manager Hannah Joyce.
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2) NON-IWALC TOWN & PARISHES MEETING

- a) An initial meeting for the Clerks of the nine Town & Parish Councils that are not – or soon will cease to be – in membership of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils took place in our Green Room on Friday 26 January.
 - b) The meeting was arranged by Emma Goldring, Clerk at Bembridge, and attended by all but one of the nine with the other sending apologies.
 - c) In addition to Clerks, our Mayor and one Bembridge Councillor also attended.
 - d) It was unanimously agreed that Emma Goldring, Val Taylor and I would request a meeting with IWALC's officers to discuss the current situation.
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3) VENTNOR BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

- a) Wednesday 17 January had the latest meeting with the VBA's Officers for shared discussion and information.
 - b) Tony McCarthy joined us this time to explore the possibility of local businesses joining in the celebrations of this year's Ventnor Day that is planned for 7 July.
 - c) Other items included an assessment of Ventnorville, Pigeons in the town centre, the 2018 Town Guide that the VBA produce and our Community Consultation event on 29 January.
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4) COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENT

- a) This year's event, held on Monday 29 January set a new attendance record at around 130 residents, including Ventnor Town Councillors and staff.
 - b) Feedback on the quality and value of the event itself has been unanimously positive with its focus on the 2018/19 Budget in the first half and the potential value of Pedestrianisation to the Town in the second.
 - c) David George's film *Imagining the Future*, available on Vimeo, has now had more than 2,000 viewings!
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5) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 23 January 6 February; its next meeting is booked for 20 February.
 - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 25 January and its next is in the diary for 22 February..
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