



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 8/18

15 JANUARY 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) GIFT OF NATURE

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group had an interesting visit to their 9 January meeting from Matthew Chatfield who now works for the Island Charity Gift of Nature following his previous employment as the Isle of Wight Council's Countryside Manager.
 - b) Responsibility for that management has been outsourced since 2016 to the Charity until 31 March 2019 and three of the 30 sites it currently manages are important to Ventnor: Rew Down, Nansen Hill and the Landslip.
 - c) We look forward to further discussions with Matthew Chatfield about the future care and development of these areas.
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2) ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

- a) Following the decision at the Town Council's December meeting we've informed the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) that our membership of it will cease from 31 March this year.
 - b) We have also applied to become a Development Partner of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) with immediate effect and that application has been accepted.
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3) CONSULTATION EVENING

- a) At the time of writing – Thursday 11 January – over 70 residents had signed in for the event that starts at 6pm on Monday 29 January for a discussion of the 2018/19 Budget and Regeneration proposals.
 - b) When Councillors and staff are included, the total is approaching 90 and an update will be provided at the Town Council meeting.
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4) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 19 December and 9 January; its next meeting is booked for 23 January.
 - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 19 December and its next is in the diary for 25 January.
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