



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 78/21

13 SEPTEMBER 2021

No. DETAILS

1) BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

- a) Our new Business Development Officer Nigel Slater-Bishop started work with us on Monday 16 August and made full use of the three-day Induction programme we had arranged for him.
 - b) He is sharing the Green Room's Community Development office with Tony McCarthy and Jordan Royle.
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2) NEW ADMINISTRATOR POST

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- a) Our attempt to take on another Apprentice to fill the post that Morgan Williams will leave on 24 September was unsuccessful as the advertisements only attracted three applications, two of which our proposed Training Provider – HTP – told us would not qualify for the government scheme.
 - b) We are currently advertising for an Administrator with a closing date for applications of 16 September.
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3) VENTNOR DAY

- a) Hundreds of residents joined the celebration of the town's remarkable location and community life on Saturday afternoon in Ventnor's Park.
 - b) In an amazing show of nearly 100 stalls, set up and staffed in all areas by volunteers and mingling's and meetings everywhere with stunning entertainment from an afternoon-long programme of musicians.
 - c) The Community Development Working Group agreed Tony McCarthy's recommendation that Ventnor Day 2022 be held on 2 July.
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4) NEW BENCHES

- a) Ventnor Community Shed have taken on the making of our memorial benches following the closure of the Prison's Wood Shop due to Covid.
 - b) Two from their current production line of five have now been installed, one near the sundial and our offices at Salisbury Gardens and the other on East Cliffs.
 - c) We're grateful to the Shed – and Martin Rayner and Phil Warren in particular - in achieving such superb results.
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5) THE VENTNOR SIGN

- a) With the much-appreciated help of local volunteers, Brian Roberts our maintenance manager refurbished the Ventnor sign along West Cliffs, strimming and tidying the entire area.
 - b) The actual painting of the lettering was kindly volunteered and carried out by local decorating company Top Coat.
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6) BUSKING IN SPRING HILL GARDEN

- a) The Saturday programme of buskers performing in Spring Hill Garden arranged by the Deputy Mayor has proved popular with shoppers, visitors and residents.
 - b) The programme has provided a range of music and delivery styles from 11am to 1pm each Saturday.
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7) **WORKING GROUPS**

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 17 and 31 August and plans to meet next on 14 September.
 - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 19 August and expects to meet next on 23 September.
 - c) The 31 Bus Working Group held its first meeting on 31 August.
 - d) The Sustainability & Biodiversity Working Group met on 25 August and has committed to meeting on the last Wednesday of each month.
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