



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 46/17

12 JUNE 2017

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

No. DETAILS

1) REGENERATION WORKING GROUP

- a) The first meeting of our new Regeneration Working Group took place on Tuesday 30 May.
 - b) Its purpose was to share discussions during the time of the 2013-2017 Town Council with its Members across a range of potential projects for strengthening the Town's attraction as a visitor destination, stimulating its economic growth and developing the full potential of its existing social, economic and cultural assets in line with the Town Council's Strategic Plan.
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2) ASSETS & SERVICES WORKING GROUP

- a) Renamed from its previous life as the Public Buildings Working Group to reflect its wider range of responsibilities, its first meeting took place on Tuesday 23 May followed by another on 6 June.
 - b) Its Agendas have included, Marlborough Road toilets, adjustments to our Grounds Maintenance contract with John O'Conner Ltd, the repairs needed to the Cascade lighting, the annual Legionellosis Risk Assessments of Salisbury Gardens, our Public Toilets and the Eastern Esplanade Showers, Ventnor Central's Fire Alarm, the Eastern Esplanade Area lease and the funding of the proposed development of Spring Hill Gardens.
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3) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

- a) Its first meeting with new Members Councillors Dave Logan and Stephen Cockett took place on Wednesday 7 June in its usual 6pm slot.
 - b) After an introduction from our Community Development Officer Tony McCarthy to his role, the Agenda covered Green Room use, the Youth Offer work, the Annual Town Meeting, Men in Sheds, the Spring Hill Gardens project, My Life a Full Life engagement and Ventnor Day.
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4) PORTAKABINS

- a) The Mayor, Councillor James Toogood, Nick Cox and I took the opportunity to have a look at the Portakabins in the fields opposite the current island Free School site thanks to its Headteacher Steph Boyd on the afternoon of Tuesday 6 June.
 - b) The School's use of the fields and Portakabins ends on 31 August. While the one in the lower field is being returned, those in the upper field are owned by the School and will be surplus to requirements from that date.
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5) UPPER VENTNOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

- a) The Mayor and Clerks had the latest of their six-weekly meetings with the Upper Ventnor Community Association Committee on Monday 5 June for the usual useful discussions of matters of mutual interest.
 - b) Subjects brought up this time included overgrown land next to the Rayners' Flats, the Free School building programme, Business Rates relief, security on the Ferries, the West Cliffs Shelter and the Spring Hill Gardens project.
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