



# TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 90/16

12 DECEMBER 2016

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

**No. DETAIL**

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**1) PUBLIC TOILETS**

- a) The Town Council is now the owner of the Eastern Esplanade and Ventnor Park Public toilets as negotiations have been completed last week. Our thanks are due to Heather Legood and her colleagues of the Isle of Wight Council's legal team and the Town Council's Solicitor Rajinder Sangha of Glanvilles for bringing the matter to a conclusion satisfactory to both Councils.
  - b) Marlborough Road Public Toilets are expected to complete the same process as soon as the complications arising from the fact that they are part of a larger building can be resolved.
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**2) LOCAL AREA CO-ORDINATORS**

- a) A Tweet from me on 1 December about the absence of any reference to Town & Parish Councils in an Evaluation Report on the work of the Island's Local Area Co-ordinators by the national LAC Network was referred by them back to the Island's Public Health Manager responsible for their work.
  - b) Heather Rowell's following email offered the assurance that the omission was unintentional and suggested a meeting to discuss how collaboration could be improved.
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**3) WORKING GROUPS**

- a) The Public Buildings Working Group met on 15 and 29 November and will meet once more this year on 13 December. Items have included the internal redecoration of the *Marlborough Road Toilets*, an arrangement with the Botanic Garden for the development of the roof of the *Eastern Esplanade Toilets*, planting by the Botanic Gardens of the two flower beds outside *Salisbury Gardens' Green Room*, developing *Spring Hill Gardens* and asking the Isle of Wight Council to deal with the essential repairs to the *Bandstand*.
  - b) The Community Development Group met on 22 November opening with a report from Tony McCarthy before detailed discussions of the future of the Youth Offer programme, engagement by Town & Parish Councils with the My Life a Full Life (MLAFL) Programme and the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC).
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**4) ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

We agreed to the Isle of Wight Council's request to remove the building from the list of Assets of Community Value as the sale to Spectrum Housing couldn't be completed otherwise.

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**5) ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL'S 2017/18 BUDGET**

The absence of any detail on the content of the £8.5M cuts the Isle of Wight Council needs to make to balance its 2017/18 or even an indication of when it will be available or any arrangements for consultation on it is a continuing concern.

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