



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 74/16

10 OCTOBER 2016

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

No. DETAIL

1) ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (IWALC)

- a) Following the discussion of IWALC's constitution at the Town Council Meeting of 8 August and the informal meeting with its Chair and Secretary on 31 August the Mayor and I were invited to the IWALC meeting of 15 September to present proposals.
 - b) The result is recorded in the draft Minutes of that meeting as:
David Bartlett, Clerk to Ventnor TC gave a presentation he had prepared on possible options for the future structure of IWALC. This was a starting point for further discussion and development on how IWALC could function in the future to continue to provide the necessary resources to help town and parish councils deal with the challenges facing them in the future. The Secretary would circulate information and a copy of the presentation to all members for comment and suggestions. These would be taken to the November Executive Committee for further discussion. A workshop would also be set up to review the current IWALC constitution.
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2) BEMBRIDGE HUB

- a) Bembridge Parish Council is looking for a 10-hour a week Project Officer to develop their plans for a Community Hub and we were approached to ask if that would be something either our Community Development Officer or our Economic Development Officer could take on.
 - b) However after discussion of their current workloads within their 30-hour week we agreed that would not be possible.
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3) YOUTH OFFER PARTNERS MEETING

- a) Our six-weekly meeting with our Youth Offer partners – Café 34, the Exchange and the Skatepark – was held at 9am on 14 September.
 - b) In addition to the regular – and very encouraging – reports from each of the partners our new Youth Worker Lauren Fry attended for the first time to report on the growing work in Upper Ventnor and the success of the first sessions of the new U-Create art-based project funded through the successful application of our Community Development Officer for £4,924 from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
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4) PUBLIC BUILDINGS WORKING GROUP

- a) The Group met on 21 September and top of its Agenda were the Condition Surveys on the three public toilets the Town Council has taken on from 1 April under Tenancies at Will and the continuing discussions with the Isle of Wight Council about the draft documents for their freehold transfer.
 - b) Other items included Grounds Maintenance, Ventnor Central, the Paddling Pool area and Spring Hill Gardens.
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5) BEACH CLEANING

- a) The season's Beach Cleaning rota came to an end on 30 September with lots of praise for the high standards that had been achieved and maintained throughout the six months.
 - b) Occasional cleaning will be carried out at half terms and Christmas/New Year.
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