



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 49/16

11 JULY 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) ANNUAL RETURN

The Town Council's completed Annual Return for the financial year 2015/16 was received on time by the External Auditor on 4 July 2016.

2) NEW STAFF

- a) Our new Apprentice in Business Administration, Morgan Williams, joined us at 9am on Monday 27 June and has already settled in well. He is already enrolled with HTP training for the Level 3 Qualification in Business Administration and his work-based training is provided by Alison Killick, our Assistant Town Clerk.
 - b) We have also been joined by Charlotte Deness's replacement Lauren Fry as our Youth Worker on the Isle of Wight Council funded Youth Offer Programme with her first session at Upper Ventnor taking place on Monday evening of 27 June.
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3) BEMBRIDGE VISIT

- a) We had an interesting visit by the Clerks and six Members of Bembridge Parish Council on Monday morning 27 June. They are looking to develop a Community Hub for their area and came to have a closer look at our experience with Salisbury Gardens.
 - b) They met with the Mayor and Clerks for a full two hour exchange of ideas.
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4) PUBLIC BUILDINGS WORKING GROUP

The latest meeting of the Group took place on Tuesday 28 June with an Agenda including the maintenance of Benches, problems with the boiler in Ventnor Park Toilets – now redecorated and spotlessly clean thanks to the work of Jackie Tiller and her team – the Green Room and the flower beds around the Esplanade toilets.

5) CAR PARKING STRATEGY

Following the decision of the Town Council at its June meeting to respond to the consultation on the Isle of Wight Council's Draft Car Parking Strategy, a submission drawing attention to the real value of local control by Town & Parish Councils was submitted last week and circulated to Members.

6) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

The Group's June meeting took place on Tuesday of last week starting with Tony McCarthy's detailed report and discussing the appointment of our new Youth Worker, the future of the Youth Offer programme, the Agenda for the first meeting of the Library's Partnership Board on 29 June and the Digital Forums development.
