



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 21/16

11 APRIL 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) SUCCESSFUL FUNDING APPLICATION

- a) We were delighted to learn on 24 March that an application for funding to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner by our Community Development Officer Tony McCarthy to provide £4,920 to run creative workshops for the young people of Upper Ventnor had been successful.
 - b) The funding will provide art and creative workshops led by local professional creatives in Upper Ventnor on photography, character animation, comic design, poetry and rap.
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2) YOUTH OFFER PARTNERS MEETING

- a) The latest of our 6-weekly meeting with the three partner organisations – Café 34, the Fringe and the Skatepark – in our very successful Youth Offer programme took place on 16 March.
 - b) As well as the regular reports from the partners and our staff on progress since the last meeting, discussion started on the matter of how the project can continue to develop beyond the ending of the Isle of Wight Council's funding for it on 31 March next year.
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3) WORKING GROUPS

Since the last Town Council meeting the Public Buildings Working Group has met on 15 and 29 March and the Community Development Working Group had its meeting on 3 April.

4) VENTNOR BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Mayor and I met with the Chair and Secretary of the VBA for the latest in the series of 6-weekly meetings to share information and discuss issues of significance for the town on 22 March.

5) NHS TRUST STRATEGY 2016-21

- a) The Board meeting of the Island's NHS Trust meeting on Wednesday last week approved a new Strategy for 2016-21.
 - b) We were pleased that the Trust had responded positively to the Town Council's contribution to the consultation on it by including Town & Parish Councils in the list of its stakeholders, making clearer references to collaborative relationships with the Isle of Wight Council and the Health & Wellbeing Board and giving more recognition to poverty among children and young people.
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6) WISR MEETING FOR TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS

- a) As part of the Whole Integrated System Review (WISR) process a meeting is being arranged for its leaders to meet with Town & Parish Councils on 30 April at Quay Arts.
 - b) Along with Bembridge Parish Council, Ventnor Town Council has been invited to provide a 10-minute presentation of what Town and Parish Councils can bring to the process through their engagement with their local communities.
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7) HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- a) This meeting is the sixth anniversary of my surprise – to me, anyway – appointment as Ventnor's Town Clerk at the meeting of 12 April 2010 for 3-months.
 - b) It's also an opportunity to record the privilege it has been to work with the Town's remarkable Councillors and talented, committed staff in these interesting times for us all.
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