



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 111/15

14 DECEMBER 2015

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

No. DETAIL

1) OUR PLACE ADDITIONAL GRANT

- a) We learned by email from Locality's Jim Asbury on 26 November that our application for a £10,000 grant to fund our *Breaking New Ground* (BNG) project had been successful.
 - b) The invitation to apply for one of 10 *Our Place* grants was sent out in October to all 120 areas involved in the programme last year.
 - c) The funding will allow us to progress our BNG project that was included in the Operational Plan we produced at the end of the programme more quickly than would otherwise have been possible. The project involves setting up five IT based Forums – Executive, Economic, Cultural, Residents and Voluntary Sector – making it possible for a wide range of participants to contribute to the development of the town's life in all its major areas.
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2) UPPER VENTNOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

- a) The Mayor and Clerks were joined by Community Development Officer Tony McCarthy for the latest of our six-weekly meeting with the Association to discuss the successful activities now being delivered by the Town Council's Youth Offer every Monday evening in St Margaret's Hall. Upper Ventnor has 186 young people in the Youth Offer's 11-19 range.
 - b) The building programme for the new Island Free School opposite St Francis School is well underway but it was felt that its impact on the area was being kept to a minimum.
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3) YOUTH OFFER

- a) Every two months our three partners – Café 34, the Skatepark and the Exchange - in delivering youth activities with funding provided by the Isle of Wight Council meet to discuss progress and share ideas for future developments of the programme as it approaches the halfway point of the 30-month project. We met on 19 November.
 - b) The good news kept coming! Café 34 have successfully applied for a grant of £3,000 from the Police & Crime Commissioner's Office, the Skatepark now has its strongest Committee for many years with its 9 members well advanced in securing charitable registration and a second Art Auction underway towards its funding target for upgrading the facility, the Exchange's exciting range of Workshops in its Young Creatives series continues to extend the areas covered and the numbers attending and there is now an established weekly youth activity programme in Upper Ventnor based at St Margaret's Hall.
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4) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Community Development Working Group met on 16 November and 8 December.
 - b) The Public Buildings Working Group is continuing to meet on a fortnightly basis and, since the last Town Council meeting, has met on 16 November and 1 December
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5) ANNUAL CONSULTATION

Our Annual Consultation Meeting has been arranged for Monday 25 January 2016 at the usual venue of St Margaret's Hall.
