



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 67/15

13 JULY 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) BEACH CLEANING

- a) The Town Council's Beach Cleaning team of Wendy and Don, together with John from Ace Waste are working seamlessly together in this now well established service.
 - b) Thanks to Wendy and Don for the enterprising idea of lining the wire mesh bins with plywood, creating a solid surface to prevent birds from pecking holes in the bin liners and leaving refuse over Ventnor beach. It is proposed that two more wire bins be installed at Ventnor Beach, with the remaining areas being assessed as necessary.
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2) IMAGES OF VENTNOR PAST

- a) Six large black and white framed reproduction photographs of Ventnor will soon be reinstated in Salisbury Gardens, where they belong: they will be installed in our new Green Room Meeting Rooms areas.
 - b) Our thanks to Ashley Curzon from Isle of Wight Council who has approved the permanent loan of these photographs and Corina Westwood, the Curator of Human History at the Isle of Wight Heritage Service for her assistance with co-ordinating this project.
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3) REGIONAL TIMEBANKING

- a) Eighteen of the over 200 members of Timebank UK are in the South East Region and our Community Development Officer Tony Marvin and Timebank Support Worker Sarah Moore attended the Regional meeting in Romsey on Monday last week.
 - b) The 18 include one other on the Island – West Wight – two in Portsmouth and one each in towns throughout the area including Oxford, Reading, Letchworth, Maidstone and Southampton.
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4) SURVEY RESPONSES

- a) We've received to date a total of 434 questionnaires and just completed the job of entering the responses into the remarkable analytical programme developed by our Economic Development Officer Nicky Cox.
 - b) The 6-page questionnaire – delivered to every household - gave residents the opportunity to share their views across a range of issues within categories of Priorities, Facilities, Opportunities, Engagement and future Projects/developments.
 - c) The analysis will take several weeks and summaries of the findings will be widely shared in due course.
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5) ISLAND SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

- a) Our two meeting rooms hosted the quarterly meeting of the Isle of Wight Branch of the Society of Local Council Clerks on Tuesday 30 June: 16 Clerks of Island Town and Parish Councils round the table with local residents Tina Bailey (East Cowes) as Chair and Val Taylor (Whippingham) as Secretary.
 - b) I was invited to speak briefly on the Our Place Programme and our future management of Car Parks.
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