



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 49/15

8 JUNE 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) MEMORIAL BENCHES

- a) Alison & Florence have been involved in co-ordinating two memorial bench requests. Both new benches were installed at Flowersbrook, prior to the recent Bank Holiday. With thanks to Dixcey Landscapes and Councillor Jim Toogood for their assistance in this project.
 - b) After a comprehensive survey of all benches in the area was undertaken by Florence and Dave Gray, twelve existing benches have been refurbished by Mark Weldon, ready for the summer season.
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2) TROUGHS & BASKETS

Providing a lovely splash of colour, the 17 troughs on the central reservation into Ventnor, together with the 6 baskets in Central Car Park have been planted up by Ventnor Botanic Garden, ready for summer.

3) FIRST AID COURSE

- a) A very successful three-day First Aid Course was run by the Island's NHS at the Green Room last week with nine enrolled on it.
 - b) The Town Council now has four of its staff – Admin Assistant Florence Barrett, Beach Safety Worker Dave Gray, Youth Opportunities Officer Laura Reid and Youth Worker Charlotte Denness – accredited to provide First Aid.
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4) UPPER VENTNOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

- a) The Mayor and Clerks had the latest of their 6-weekly meetings with the Upper Ventnor Community Association's Committee on Monday 1 June at St Margaret's Hall.
 - b) The meetings are always well attended and without any set Agenda discuss informally issues affecting the lives of the area's residents.
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5) YOUTH OFFER

- a) It was this meeting last year – 9 June – that resolved to submit an application to the Youth Offer funding for provision of innovative youth opportunities in the town following the Isle of Wight Council's closure of its Youth Service provision on 30 September 2014.
 - b) We have been particularly fortunate in the quality and commitment of the two staff appointed to the project, Laura Reid and Charlotte Denness, to work with Ventnor Skatepark, Ventnor Together and the Exchange providing those opportunities as was clearly demonstrated in their presentation to the Annual Town Meeting last month.
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