



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 9/15

12 JANUARY 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) CENTRAL CAR PARK NOTICEBOARD

- a) We want to record our thanks to Evelyn Knowles for her commitment over some three years to maintaining the Town Council's legal responsibility for posting notices of its meetings on this noticeboard.
 - b) Several times each month over those years, Alison and I have been able to simply email the required notices to Evelyn absolutely confident that, whatever the weather, they would be posted in time to comply with statutory timescales.
 - c) Now that Evelyn has finally retired from that role – though still progressing many others – we did not want the important contribution of this sustained voluntary commitment to go unrecognised by the Town Council.
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2) FLOWERS BROOK PLANNING APPLICATION

- a) In view of the considerable local interest in and concern about the potential impact of this proposed development, we have made arrangements for the extensive documentation to be available for inspection by anyone interested at the Town Council's offices in Salisbury Gardens on Tuesday 13 January between 10am and 3pm; this facility will be extended if there is sufficient interest in the opportunity it offers.
 - b) Also in response, the meeting of the Planning Committee to respond to the application has been moved to Ventnor Central – formerly Ventnor Youth Centre – where it will take place in the upper hall starting at 6pm on Thursday 15 January.
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3) HEALTH VISITOR TEAM

- a) The Health Visitor Team have arranged to come and plan their layout for their new base in Salisbury Gardens' Room 7 on Wednesday this week.
 - b) They are likely to move in as soon as their particular comms requirements have been installed and, of course, we're all very much looking forward to sharing the building with them.
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4) ANNUAL CONSULTATION EVENT

- a) This year's Annual Consultation Event is following the now well established pattern of taking place in St Francis Primary School Hall at 6pm on the last Monday of the month: 26 January.
 - b) Email invitations are being sent out this week to our contact list of over 70 local voluntary and community organisations.
 - c) The areas for consultation this year will be the future uses of the new Salisbury Gardens' Green Room (the Lower Ground Floor) working with our new Community Development Officer, Tony McCarthy, the Our Place Programme's final stage and the Town Council's Budget for 2015/16 and the related Precept.
 - d) The usual light refreshments will be provided.
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5) APPOINTMENTS

- a) I've been invited to join the 19 January meeting of the Rotary Club to discuss the economic challenges for the town and responses to them. This fits well with the work the Club have already been undertaking in a detailed study of child poverty in the town and how they might contribute to its reduction.
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- b) I have also been asked to lead one of the Breakout Sessions at this year's IWALC Spring Conference, *Taking the Isle of Wight Forward* on 16 March at the Riverside Centre.
 - c) In addition to Plenary sessions in the morning with inputs from the Chairs of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), the Isle of Wight Council's Managing Director Dave Burbage, the Chief Executive of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils Steven Lugg and NALC's Chief Executive Jonathan Owen, the Breakout Sessions are to focus on Community Rights, Trading, Insurance and Fixed Link.
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