



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

No. DETAIL

1) TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY

- a) St Lawrence Councillor Terry Gibbs resigned his membership of the Town Council by letter to the Mayor on 27 August.
 - b) Notice of the resultant by-election was posted on the Central Car Park's noticeboard on 2 September.
 - c) The vacancy will be filled through a by-election if 10 St Lawrence electors give notice in writing that they wish one to be held by 22 September to: The Proper Officer, Isle of Wight Council, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1UD.
 - d) If that doesn't happen, the Town Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.
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2) LETTER TO THE MINISTER

- a) As agreed at the last Town Council meeting, a letter was sent to Coastal Communities Minister Penny Mordaunt drawing attention to the disparity between the £2M swiftly awarded to deal with the damage to local tourism of the Eastbourne Pier fire and the response of the government to date to the serious impact on the Island's tourism and St Lawrence residents of the Undercliff landslip on 14 August.
 - b) No response has been received at the date of this Report.
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3) YOUTH OFFER PARTNER MEETING

- a) The first meeting with the Town Council's local partner organisations – Ventnor Skateboard Park, Ventnor Together's Café 34 and Ventnor Fringe – took place on 20 August with the Mayor and Clerks.
 - b) Its Agenda included discussions of the recruitment and selection processes for the Youth Opportunity Officer and Sessional Youth Worker posts, Safeguarding Policies, this year's project Milestones and the Youth Centre.
 - c) Enthusiasm and development ideas were in evidence aplenty!
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4) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Public Buildings Working Group met on Tuesday 2 September and agreed to hold a special meeting on Tuesday 9 September to assess the latest information from the Isle of Wight Council and Parkspace Consulting and agree the next stage of discussions with the Isle of Wight Council about the four car parks being considered for future management by the Town Council.
 - b) The Community Development Working Group met on Wednesday 3 September with a full Agenda including the community provision in Salisbury Gardens' lower ground floor, progress with the Our Place programme and the future role of the Community Development Officer post.
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