



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 57/14

14 JULY 2014

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with updates on some areas of the Town Council's ongoing work for information.

No. DETAIL

1) NEW BENCH

- a) A recent memorial bench request is currently ongoing due to the chosen site for it: when the Assistant Town Clerk checked the suitability of the proposed site at Flowersbrook she discovered that the area in question is a medieval burial ground and should not be touched!
 - b) The project to find a suitable place continues.
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2) VBA MEETINGS

- a) There have been two meetings with Ventnor Business Association in recent weeks.
 - b) The first, on 1 July, was the monthly meeting in which the Mayor and Town Clerk meet with the VBA's Chair Bob Ventress and Liaison Officer Ann Hutchins for the usual informal exchange of information and ideas.
 - c) The second, two days later, was the result of an invitation from the Chair for the Town Clerk to attend the regular VBA meeting to inform its members about the Our Place programme.
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3) REACHING COMMUNITIES

- a) Our Community Development Worker has made excellent progress with a draft for a revised application to the Big Lottery's Reaching Communities strand.
 - b) She has already had useful advice from the Case Officer allocated to it and she now has a meeting with the Big Lottery's regional funding officer on 16 July.
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4) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Community Development Working Group meets monthly and receives a full report from our Community Development Worker at each meeting as well as progressing the Our Place programme and a range of other matters. The Group's latest meeting was on 30 June and its next one will be 30 July.
 - b) The Public Buildings Working Group also meets monthly with a prime focus at present on the Salisbury Gardens development but dealing with other buildings and spaces important to the town. Its latest meeting was on 17 June and the next will be on 15 July. In between, all members of it have read through the draft lease for Salisbury Gardens and shared their comments and concerns.
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5) SEAT REPAIRED

- a) After months of trying to establish responsibility for the broken concrete seat at Ventnor Cascades near the Paddling Pool between the Isle of Wight Council, Island Roads and – some alleged – Ventnor Town Council the Assistant Town Clerk records her appreciation to the Parks and Beaches Service of the Isle of Wight Council.
 - b) They arranged for the seat to be repaired in June, ready for the summer.
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6) POPULAR TWEET!

- a) The most popular of the 45 Tweets from @ventnorclerk since the last Town Council Meeting turned out to be the unique image of Salisbury Gardens surrounded by scaffolding.
 - b) It attracted 66 views; it's still available on our web site by clicking [this link](#).
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