

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 46/21

17 May 2021

The purpose of this Report is to record developments since the last meeting not requiring an Agenda item at this meeting.

No. DETAILS

I) PADDLING POOL

The Paddling Pool has been re-opened today.

2) STAFFING

- a) We are currently recruiting to the two part-time Sessional Youth Worker posts that have been vacant since the pandemic restricted activities and contact in advance of a funding application for summer activities for young people.
- b) Our Mental Health Support Worker responsible for the two half days of our Anxiety Café has had the offer of a full time job in the NHS and we well recruit a replacement once she has a start date.
- c) All three posts are within this year's Budget.

3) OFFICE STAFFING

- a) Following a staff meeting on Thursday 13 May we have agreed to staff the office routinely from 9am 4pm Monday Friday with one member of staff only until 21 June and will review the arrangements following that date.
- b) Established working from home practice will meanwhile remain in place until the end of the government's covid roadmap

4) DUDLEY ROAD CAR PARK

- a) Island Roads have again requested the use of a part of Dudley Road Car Park for use by the heavy equipment they need locally for a range of substantial works in the coming months.
- b) The same area as previously has been agreed to be reserved for them starting on Monday 17 May until sometime in September.
- c) An appropriate rent has also been agreed and arrangements have been made for residential parking permits to be valid also in Market Street Car Park for the duration of the restriction.

5) **VENTNOR DAY 2021**

- a) A planning group preparing for the return of Ventnor Day this time being held in the Park have already had two meetings led by Tony McCarthy and also involving the Carnival and the Putting Green.
- b) Over 20 stalls have already been booked along with a range of musical contributions

6) ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

- a) The Annual Town Meeting will take place virtually at 6pm on Monday 24 May.
- b) Six local organisations have taken up the offer to provide summaries of the work and plans.
- c) This is not a Town Council Meeting although it will be chaired by the Mayor and Members are expected to join it.

7) WORKING GROUPS

a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 16 and 13, 27 and 30 April with its next meeting planned for 18 May.

b)	The Community Development Working Group met on 29 April and plans to meet again on 3 June.