



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 98/20

14 DECEMBER 2020

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

No. DETAILS

1) OUTDOOR GYM

- a) The change of the Island's move to Tier 1 has allowed the re-opening of the Gym from Thursday 3 December.
 - b) The installation of the new Arm and Pedal piece of equipment was completed by Freshair Fitness on Monday 30 November.
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2) MEETING WITH RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

- a) At the invitation of Ryde Town Council the Mayor and I met virtually on Tuesday 17 November with Ryde's Mayor Michael Lilley. Town Clerk Lisa Dyer and Councillors Diane Convey and Phil Jordan.
 - b) The discussion included Community Development, Youth Work. Public Realm, Elections, Harbours and relationships with the Isle of Wight Council.
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3) BOB SEELY MEETING

- a) I attended the latest of the virtual fortnightly meetings the Island MP holds for Town and Parish Councils with 20 other representatives on Friday evening 20 November.
 - b) After a 10 minute summary of his main work since our last meeting that included welcoming the 'new' trains, a Federation of Small Businesses Survey, the future of Festivals and discussions with Island Members of the House of Lords, the remainder of the hour was taken up by questions from a range of Town & Parish councillors.
 - c) These covered the Island Deal (coming in slices), the future of cultural activities (see website filmwight.com), planning matters, social housing, ferries and whether he supports the public sector pay freeze.
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4) SOUTH WIGHT PARISHES HEALTH AND WELLBEING FORUM

- a) The latest meeting of the South Wight Parishes Health and Wellbeing Forum organised by Tony McCarthy was held virtually on 3 December.
 - b) The two speakers at it were Dr. Oommen John from the Ventnor Medical Centre & Primary Care Network and Dr. Mark Rawlinson, Locality Manager.
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5) CHRISTMAS TREE

- a) The usual Christmas Tree has been successfully installed in Spring Hill Garden thanks to the work of our staff members Brian Roberts, Morgan Williams, Kevin Williams and Tom Brant.
 - b) Fully dressed with lights and decorations it's an attractive addition to the town's centre.
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6) DAPHNE CARTER BENCH

- a) Daphne's bench, lovingly handcrafted and carved by her great grandson Ed, is now situated in a beautiful and accessible spot, ideal for Winter Sunsets. It lies at the bottom of the Dudley Rd. steps, leading down on to the coastal path, thus on the seaward side of Salisbury Gardens.
 - b) It has been carved out of oak and sweet chestnut, so should need no maintenance and will silver down nicely. Very soon, a QR Code will be placed on one side which will enable mobile
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phone users (once tapped on) to access Daphne's photos on the *Ventnor Remembered* website.

7) MEETING WITH GARY PEACE

- a) The Mayor and I had a very constructive meeting with Gary Peace, County Councillor for Ventnor East, on Monday 30 November.
 - b) We were able to cover the Town Council's major projects that need assistance from the Isle of Wight Council and his offer to arrange a meeting with the relevant senior Members was very encouraging.
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8) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 17 November and 1 December with its next meeting planned for 15 December.
 - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 12 November and 9 December and will meet again in January.
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