



VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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Welcome to edition 82 of our Clerk's Column circulated as usual to the 490 residents on our Residents' Forum email list and through the Chronicle's page 4.

NOVEMBER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Although the Agenda for next Monday's meeting of the Town Council isn't finalised at this time in addition to the usual monthly Finance Report it will include a proposal to reverse the decision to stop the 31 Bus service and continue with its twice weekly runs, a programme for developing services to residents dealing with the most severe financial pressures, the Time and Tide project (see below), and reviews of our Health & Safety and Safeguarding policies.

TIME & TIDE PROJECT

Next Monday's Town Council will consider a proposal to join a national project to install a unique piece of Public Art – a specially sculptured bell - between the high and low tide marks around the UK Coast designed to resonate with the ebb and flow of our coastal waters, raising awareness of the rise in sea levels through global warming. Seven are already in place and the proposal is to install one close to the western arm of the Haven as illustrated in this image.



SUSTAINABILITY & BIODIVERSITY WORKING GROUP

The Group met on Wednesday for its third monthly session to continue its discussions of how to move both the Town Council and the town towards more sustainable practices and its proposal for an audit framework to establish a base a baseline and monitor progress will be discussed by the full Council next Monday. Converting the most eastern section of the grassed area behind the Dudley Road car park into a nature area with planted trees and shrubs, and a wandering path through it ending in a bespoke seating area facing the sea is also under consideration.



LOWTHERVILLE BY-ELECTION

Nominations for anyone wanting to fill the vacancy for a Town Councillor to represent the Ward close at 4pm this Friday. Completed forms have to be hand delivered to County Hall before then, The nominations pack is [here](#) and copies can be downloaded from the home page of our web site, collected from our office or by emailing alison@ventnortowncouncil.org.uk.

TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

Our Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be available and



ready to meet residents for discussion of concerns or suggestions about ways the town could be



improved at 6pm this Wednesday in our Green Room at Salisbury Gardens.

ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION AGM

The Association managing the Boniface Fields Allotments held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday. The new Officer team Councillor Phil Warren as Chair, Stephanie Head as Secretary and Anna Taylor Treasurer.



MONTHLY IOWC MEETING

Alison Killick and I joined the Isle of Wight Council's Strategic Manager Recreation & Open Spaces Lee Matthews and Senior Sports Development Officer Elaine Davison on Monday for our monthly Zoom information sharing session. Good progress again this time with agreements around hedge cutting in the Park, weed treatment in and potential lease of the North Street Playground, Pest control around Boniface Pond, the RNLI's Audit of the Beach and path clearance.

VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- A Press Release from [Shelter](#) reveals that '91 families became homeless each day as lockdown restrictions lifted. Since the start of the pandemic a total of 183,290 households have been tipped into homelessness.'
- An [Education Policy Institute](#) report on recovery funding: 'The government's current plans to spend £3.1bn in total pales in comparison to :the £10-15bn we estimate is needed in next three years.'

MORE INFORMATION: is available from the Town Council's website and @ventnor clerk