



# TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 44/22

16 MAY 2022

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

**No. DETAILS**

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**1) ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

- a) The Annual Town Meeting took place on Monday 9 May at Trinity Church Hall.
- b) It received presentations of the work of the Wellbeing Café Ventnor Community Shed, Ventnor Heritage Museum, St Catherine's School, Ventnor Enhancement Fund, our Youth Club, the Flower Fairy, Ventnor Community Foodbank, BabyBox and the Carnival.

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**2) WELLBEING CAFE**

- a) Thanks to the generosity of the owner of an open top bus and to the volunteer driver, John Killick, members of our Wellbeing Café enjoyed a visit to the Island's Donkey Sanctuary on Saturday.
- b) Accompanied by Terri Expodite, the group's leader, Deputy Mayor Steph Toogood and Councillor John Watkins, so successful was the visit to the Sanctuary the group have adopted a Donkey (Pinky).

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**3) NEW WEB SITE**

- a) Our new Web Site was launched successfully on Friday 29 April.
- b) Thanks are due to the Working Group of Councillors Ian Bond, Brian Lucas and Julie Hutchison and our Business Development Officer and Clerk as well as our supplier Zonkey.

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**4) ISLE OF WIGHT CHALLENGE**

- a) Salisbury Gardens and its Green Room was the chosen venue by the organisers of the Isle of Wight Challenge over the weekend for one of their First Aid, rest and hospitality stops on their mammoth 106km trip around the Island.
- b) Our facilities were open for the entire period of the Ultra Challenge providing a safe and secure area for the events team and their first aiders.

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**5) DOG FEST**

- a) More than 100 people with over 60 dogs enjoyed the sunny beach on Saturday afternoon of 30 April with games and competitions and a raffle with generous prizes from local businesses.
- b) Dog owners were thanked for being responsible and letting children have the beach for summer.

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**6) WORKING GROUPS**

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 5 and 26 April and will meet again on 17 May.
- b) The Community Development Working Group met on 21 April and will meet next on 9 June
- c) The Sustainability & Biodiversity Working Group met on 27 April and its next meeting will be on 25 May.
- d) The New Website Working Group met on 28 May.

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**7) ISLAND MP'S MEETING FOR TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS**

- a) Councillor Mark Jefferies and I joined the MP's latest monthly session for Town and Parish Councils on Friday 30 April.
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- b) The issues raised by representatives were: the change of use of greenfield sites, road safety, Ryde Theatre, the timing of speeding checks and the possibility of an additional Ferry provider.
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**8) DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

The third session of our Development Programme took place on Monday evening 25 April looking at the growth of our Youth Work.

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