



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 55/22

11 JULY 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) VENTNOR DAY 2022

- a) This year's Ventnor Day was an amazing afternoon as hundreds came to Ventnor Park to share, enjoy and celebrate the town's rich community life.
- b) There were stalls from around 50 community groups and voluntary sector organisations and stalls from around 50 local businesses, crafters and artists as well as the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary.
- c) Food and drinks were provided by Crave Ice Cream, Lady Scarlett's Tea Parlour, Stripped Burgers, Sweet Charlie's Crepes and Tee in The Park.
- d) Entertainment providers were Ventnor Darlings, Greg and the Bears, The Hillmans, The Slow Cats, Moonshine Border Morris, Andy Roberts, Bethan John, Lucan, Tink Beadle and Ventnor Theatre Group.
- e) The event also features the first performance in their home town by Ventnor Comic Jazz Band after their recent successful appearance in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pageant.

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### 2) ISLAND MP'S MEETING

- a) Along with 20 other representatives of Town & Parish Councils I attended Bob Seely's latest virtual meeting for us on 30 June.
- b) He started as usual with listing his main Parliamentary work for the Island, including support for Community Pantries, the new Planning Bill and an Island abattoir.
- c) He then opened a 45-minute Q&A during which representatives asked about: the Planning Bill (we still don't know the government's intentions); the cancellation of the extensions to Island Line (always a long shot); Devolution proposals (the Council needs to decide whether it wants in or out of the new Hampshire authority); the Island Forum (welcome development); Compulsory Purchase powers (need strengthening).

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### 3) VISIT BY RADIO SOLENT

- a) Presenter Lucy Ambache came in the radio car on Saturday 2 July to both our Paddling Pool where she interviewed our Mayor before moving on to talk with the Carnival's Chair and Beauty Queen amid the Park's Ventnor Day as part of the Clued Up! Programme.
- b) The interviews are available on BBC Sounds at 2 hours 24 minutes into Saturday's 10am slot for the first and 2 hours 49 minutes for the other.

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### 4) ANNUA GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR)

Following approval of the AGAR for 2021/22 at the 13 June Town Council it and the required supporting documents were submitted to the External Auditor on 20 June in advance of the 30 June deadline.

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### 5) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 14 and 28 June and will meet next on 12 July.
  - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 16 June and its next meeting is on 21 July.
  - c) The Sustainability & Biodiversity Working Group met on 6 July and plans to meet on the first Wednesday of each month.
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