



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 77/22

14 NOVEMBER 2022

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

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## No. DETAILS

### 1) CLIMATE CHANGE CONSULTATION

- a) The Town Council's Sustainability & Biodiversity Group are hosting a series of local consultation meetings with residents. They're intended to provide information on both crises, link with local expertise on them, share ideas, assist residents' networking and discuss meaningful actions that are possible.
- b) Arrangements for a meeting in each area of the town are:
  - o *St Lawrence*, 17 November from 6pm to 8pm in the Village Hall.
  - o *Town Centre*. 26 November from 2pm to 4pm in the Baptist Church, Pier Street.
  - o *Lowtherville*, 3 December from 2pm to 4 pm in St Margaret's Hall.
  - o *Bonchurch*, 13 December from 6pm to 8pm in St Wilfred's Church, Trinity Road.

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### 2) WELLBEING CAFÉ VISIT TO STEAM RAILWAY

- a) Organised by its Co-ordinator Terri, the Wellbeing Café members had a wonderful day out at the Isle of Wight Steam Railway at Havenstreet on Saturday 22 October.
- b) Members dodged the initial rain showers to enjoy rides on the steam train, explore The Train Story – an undercover, interactive experience and exhibition of over 150 years of railway history, including Victorian and Edwardian carriages – and finally to watch flying displays of the Haven Falconry's birds of prey.
- c) Thanks go to Dave Forrester and team who privately-own the open-top bus and kindly provided this transport for the day, driven by volunteer John Killick.

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### 3) SHORE ROAD TOILETS REOPENED

- a) The Town Council took over the management of the Shore Road Toilets in 2012 to prevent their closure by the Isle of Wight Council, thanks to the offer of neighbours to take on the cleaning of them.
- b) Last year surface water flooding through the retaining wall behind the toilets required them to be closed. After a major engineering project – and much support from County Councillor Rodney Downer – the water flow has now been diverted and the toilets reopened.

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### 4) SALISBURY GARDENS GARDENING

Thanks to volunteers from the Friends of the Botanic Gardens the flower beds at Salisbury Gardens have been wonderfully refreshed and restored thanks to a long morning's work by the group.

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### 5) MEETING WITH COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- a) The Mayor, Alison and I met with Gary Peace and Rodney Downer for our monthly informal discussion of local issues on Monday 7 November.
- b) Matters discussed included Belgrave Road, Flooding, the Mayor's Auction and St Catherine's Street.

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### 6) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 25 October and plans to meet next on 15 November.
  - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 10 November.
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