



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 82/22

12 DECEMBER 2022

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

NO. DETAILS

1) SEA WALL DAMAGE

- a) The Isle of Wight Council's public meeting at St Catherine's Church on Thursday 17 November was attended by around 30 residents to hear the Isle of Wight Council's Strategic Manager for the Environment Natasha Dix, with a detailed presentation, explain why it had been essential to close part of the sea front following the initial and ongoing damage to the sea wall.
- b) Although funding for repair has been secured from the government and the Environment Agency staff and a contractor are in action the repair is predicted to take many months.

2) MAYOR'S AUCTION FOR WARM SPACES

- a) The Met was the venue on Saturday when 80 people attended the Mayor's Grand Auction.
- b) County Councillor Gary Peace and several Town Councillors and staff also enjoyed the evening which raised about £2,400 to provide more venues for the coldest months.
- c) Thanks must go to local businesses for their generous donations, The Met for hosting the event and The Hillmans for playing fabulous music all night.

3) FREE PARKING ON TWO SATURDAYS

- a) The Town Council managed Dudley Road, Market Street and Pound Lane Car Parks were free to use on the Island's Small Business Saturday of 3 December, matching the Isle of Wight Council's approach in its car parks.
- b) Our three were also free all day on Saturday 10 December for Christmas in Ventnor.

4) CLIMATE CONSULTATION MEETINGS

- a) The Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Group held four consultations on issues are Climate Change at *St Lawrence* on 17 November from 6pm to 8pm in the Village Hall, the *Town Centre* on 26 November from 2pm to 4pm in the Baptist Church and *Lowtherville* on 3 December from 2pm to 4 pm in St Margaret's Hall with one more due in *Bonchurch*, on 13 December from 6pm to 8pm in St Wilfred's Church, Trinity Road.
- b) The Group will report on the outcomes of the sessions to the next Town Council meeting.

5) MEETING WITH COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- a) The Mayor, Alison and I met with Rodney Downer for our monthly informal discussion of local issues on Monday 5 December.
- b) Matters discussed included Belgrave Road, Island Roads' communications, the disabled bay on Bath Road and the Isle of Wight Council's 2023/24 Budget deficit.

6) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 15 and 19 November and plans to meet next on 10 January 2023.
- b) The Community Development Working Group met on 10 November.
- c) The Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Group met on 22 November and plans to meet next on 20 December.