



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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Welcome to edition 121 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

## AUGUST TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

In the Public Forum that opened Monday's meeting of the Town Council a member of the public asked if charging for the use of the new Public Toilets had been considered and was assured that it had been but decided against in the interests of accessibility. County Councillor Rodney Downer was also present and reported that the work necessary to redirect the water flow that had caused the closure of the Shore Road Toilets would be completed within a week and that the Isle of Wight Council had now placed the order for the new swings for the Lowtherville Children's Playground.

The meeting's business began with the acceptance of the monthly Finance Report and agreement to commit up to £800 for the purchase and installation of two pumps to provide the use of ground water for spraying both the Cascades and the Park and those are now operational.

After the appointment of another signatory to the Town Council's Bank Accounts the other two Agenda items were Poverty in Ventnor and progressing the Town Council's Regeneration Projects.

## NEW BENCH FOR SPRING HILL GARDENS

We're delighted to have completed the installation of this new bench in Spring Hill gardens – a lovely shaded place to sit and watch the town centre's life go by. Enjoy!



## DAMAGED FOUNTAIN

Sadly, the Gardens' Fountain was seriously damaged last Monday night with further damage being caused to a nearby home. The possibility of restoration is currently being explored with the assistance of a local stonework expert.



## CARNIVAL COMES (BACK) TO TOWN

On a balmy Wednesday evening in Ventnor the main parade was a fantastic success and enjoyed by a large crowd of spectators. The atmosphere was one of laughter and fun, the floats were spectacular and a credit to the work done by the volunteers who create them.



Bands a plenty graced this long awaited Carnival:



the show they put on was full of music for everyone. The Ventnor Comic Jazz Band created

their usual mayhem which pleased the crowd who lapped it up and applauded every inch of the

route. The marching bands all performed +++heroically in the heat as did all of the participants. Special



thanks to the Carnival Committee for putting on such a tremendous parade for the town in



the summer of 2022 when the Carnival Queen and her princesses and prince were on the stage and the

Mayor's driver, Richard Cutler, was awarded a Certificate to mark his 40 years in that role.



## BUSKING ON SATURDAYS

On Saturday Spring Hill Gardens was the venue for the Boogie Woogie sisters group. Next Saturday our buskers are moving to the Paddling Pool area on the Seafront due to building works.

## VIA MY TWITTER FEED THIS WEEK

- o The [Resolution Foundation](#)'s Research Director today states: 'There is a very real possibility of destitution for many this winter.'
- o The [Food and Drink Federation](#) says today 'In June, food ingredients produced in the UK were 14.3% more expensive on the year (up from 10.5% in May) and imported ingredients saw a rise of 23.2% (up from 21.4% in May).'

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