



VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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Welcome to edition 134 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.

SEA WALL DAMAGE: PUBLIC MEETING

The Isle of Wight Council are providing a public meeting at St Catherine's Church on Thursday at 6pm to explain to residents and businesses the reasons for the



closure of part of the Eastern Esplanade. It is important not to ignore the closure as it is in response to significant

damage to the sea wall and the damaged area is dangerous. The Isle of Wight Council's Strategic Manager for the Environment Natasha Dix will lead the meeting accompanied by Cabinet Members.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

The Group's Thursday evening meeting began with Tony McCarthy's Report during which we heard about the new funding from the Co-op for both our Youth Work and Wellbeing Café, the current use of our Food Bank, plans for Christmas in Ventnor, the now 81 membership of our Wellbeing Café, and the potential development of an Our Place event monthly from January. Other Agenda items included arrangements for further viewings of our Family Voice documentary, the Mayor's Auction in support of local Warm Spaces and a report of her latest meeting along with Alison and me with our two County Councillors, Gary Peace and Rodney Downer.

VENTNOR'S OCTOBER WEATHER

A wet but warm month. The temperature only dropped into single figures twice, on the 8th and 11th. Several thundery outbreaks affected the town on the 23rd.

Rainfall (mm):		Date
Total amount	113.5	
% of average	126	
No. of dry days	11	
Highest	24.1	12th
Temperatures (deg C):		
Mean	15.5	
Difference from average	+2.5	
Highest	21.4	9th
Lowest	8.6	11th
Coldest day	15.9	14th

CLIMATE CHANGE CONSULTATION MEETING

The first in a series of four consultation meetings arranged by our Sustainability and Biodiversity Group is the one located in St Lawrence at its Village Hall this coming Thursday from 6 to 8pm.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

Suggestions from residents at the viewing of our Family Voice documentary have been taken up tonight with the Town Council setting up a new Community Support Fund. Donations to the Fund are invited from residents and businesses that will be distributed to Ventnor Food Bank, Ventnor Community Panty and our Wellbeing Café as well as a Christmas distribution of our Food and Energy top-up vouchers. The Town Council has committed £5,000 to open the Fund and we have already been assured of an anonymous donation of £20,000. Details are available [here](#). Details of receipts and distribution of the funding will be published quarterly.

THANKS TO FRIENDS OF BOTANIC GARDENS

The Friends of VBG did a sterling job of the next stage of the beds outside the Council building in



Salisbury Gardens. Reducing the amount of planting they cleared the area for more growth and re planting the beds at the later stage after

ground surface recovery time. Already the difference is remarkable.

TOILET TWINNED

Ventnor Inner Wheel members met at Ventnor Town Council's newly constructed toilets in the town centre last week to unveil a small plaque to commemorate its twinning with three new toilets in Zambia. The Inner Wheel raised the funds for these toilets in Africa to improve the conditions for young girls and women.



FLOODING RESPONSE

Our thanks to Island Roads' District Steward Paul Higman for arranging that gullies have been flushed to remove the silt from Market Street to Spring Hill and Spring Hill to Marlborough Road. That leaves just Marlborough Road to Pier Street to be cleansed shortly.

FROM MY TWITTER FEED THIS WEEK

- o [Teach First](#) have written to the Chancellor of the Exchequer quoting a National Association of Head Teachers survey showing '90% of schools will run out of money by the next academic year.'
- o [Nursing Notes](#) has today printed the list of 176 NHS organisations where nurses have voted to strike and notes 'The most experienced frontline nurses are around £10,000 worse off a year now than in 2008.'