



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 18/23

13 MARCH 2023

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

No. DETAILS

1) HIGH SHERIFF'S AWARDS

- a) The Island's High Sheriff Kay Marriott came to our Green Room at the start of the February Town Council Meeting to make her Awards to three of the town's local organisations. They are made each year through public nominations as a mark of distinction and recognition given to public servants, individual volunteers or community groups based on the Isle of Wight, who are making a significant contribution to their communities.
 - b) The three recipients were our Wellbeing Café, Baby Box and Better Days Café.
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2) SEA WALL PUBLIC MEETING

- a) Some 70 residents came to the public meeting arranged by the Isle of Wight Council at St Catherine's Church on Tuesday evening 21 February to see drone footage revealing the serious damage to the town's sea wall.
 - b) The presentation by the Council's Strategic Manager for the Environment, Natasha Dix, provided details of the Emergency Works already completed and the Urgent Repairs stage that had now started and would take the rest of this year to complete.
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3) OUR PLACE

- a) The February Our Place Session at St. Catherine's Church was well attended by agencies including Sight for Wight, Living Well Early Help, People Matter, John's Club, Co-op Member Pioneer, Barnardo's, Ventnor Community Shed, Baby Box Isle of Wight, Oddfellows, Veteran's Outreach, Ventnor's PCSO and Ventnor Community Foodbank.
 - b) Our fabulous volunteer team, Jo, Sarah, Grace, and Teresa, prepared and served a hot lunch – with a choice of baked potato with cheese and beans, vegetable curry or chilli.
 - c) The next session is on Thursday 23 March from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm.
 - d) Our volunteer team prepare a hot lunch at St. Catherine's every Thursday from 12.00 noon.
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4) SUPPORTING RESIDENTS

- a) Our latest application to the Isle of Wight Council's share of the government's Housing Support Fund was accepted in a total of £10,000.
 - b) This will fund two circulations over the coming months of our food/energy vouchers to households known to our Food Bank, Baby Box and Community Pantry.
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5) GREEN ROOM KITCHEN UPGRADE

- a) Tony McCarthy's application to the High Sheriff's Fund for £560 to fund the purchase of a new larder fridge was successful.
 - b) His further application to the Isle of Wight Council's connect4communities fund has produced a £700 grant to purchase a new oven to cope with the increased use of the area.
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6) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 14 and 28 February and plan to meet next on 14 March.
 - b) The Sustainability & Biodiversity Working Group met on 21 February and its next meeting will be on 22 March.
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