



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 5/23

9 JANUARY 2023

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) CHRISTMAS IN VENTNOR**

- a) The town celebrated its Christmas on Saturday 10 December with a wide range of activities and events including live music from noon at Spring Hill Gardens, a Christmas Market at the Winter Gardens and Craft and Christmas Fayres at St Catherine's and Baptist churches and a Lantern Parade as well as a collection of characters.
- b) Thanks to our Maintenance Manager Brian Roberts and his team of willing volunteers for installing this year's Christmas tree and its lights in good time.

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**2) WELLBEING CAFÉ CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

- a) The success of the Wellbeing Care was celebrated on Thursday 15 December at its Christmas lunch at the Mill Bay with over 50 members present, joined by the Mayor and staff.
- b) Wonderful sights and sounds reflecting the mutual support the group provides for all its members.

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**3) COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND**

- a) By 31 December the new Fund had received a total of £30,693.
- b) The initial meeting of the Town Council's Community Support Fund Committee distributed a total of £23,500 of that with £5,000 to each of our Food Bank, Baby Box and the Pantry, a further £5,000 for an issue of our food/energy vouchers and £3,500 to fund additional weekly sessions of the Wellbeing Café until 31 March.

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**4) WORKING GROUPS**

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group's first meeting of 2023 will take place on Tuesday 10 January.
  - b) The Community Development Working Group is due to meet next on Tuesday 24 January.
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