



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 36/23

10 JUNE 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) WELLBEING CAFÉ

- a) Terri Exposita, the Town Council's Wellbeing Café Coordinator has had a major operation in Portsmouth's Queen Alexandra Hospital and will now need an extended period of medically certificated absence from work.
 - b) Tony McCarthy has arranged with her predecessor in the role, Catherine Hammond, to return to it from Monday 12 June on a temporary basis of 28 hours a week.
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BEACH SAFETY

- a) The Beach Safety team of Beth Whitehead and Jack Wonfor, supported by Brian Roberts, are back on duty for the 2023 season.
 - b) It's the second year of the Town Council's provision of additional support for beach users, including advice and first aid from the First Aid Hut base.
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2) CLERK'S COLUMN FAREWELL

- a) After 571 weekly editions over 13 years I bid farewell on 5 June to the Clerk's Column and, most importantly, to those who have taken time to read it either on its digital Residents Forum list of 490 members or its weekly appearance in the Chronicle.
 - b) Its circulation to the usual email list prompted over 20 messages of thanks for the transparency it demonstrated and the information it provided on the Town Council's work.
 - c) My thanks to Anne Munt and Andy Porter, the two editors that over the years made possible the extension of its audience.
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3) VACANCY IN VENTNOR WEST

- a) The vacancy for a Member to represent Ventnor West has now been published
 - b) The Ward's residents have until 20 June for 10 of them to give notice to the Isle of Wight Council's Proper Officer that they wish for the vacancy to be filled by an election, otherwise the Town Council will fill it by Co-option.
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4) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Sustainability & Biodiversity Working Group is the only one of the Town Council's Working Groups to have met in the unusually short period between Town Council meetings.
 - b) The Group held its latest monthly meeting on the morning of 30 May.
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