



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 12/24

20 FEBRUARY 2024

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

NO. DETAILS

1) VENTNOR DAY 2024

- a) This year's Ventnor Day will take place on Saturday 6th July and will feature live music and performances and free stalls for community groups and good causes, as well as craft stalls.
 - b) There will also be live music held in the Town Centre.
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2) VENTNOR CARNIVAL

- a) The Ventnor Carnival Royalty Selection is taking place on Saturday 23rd March 2024 at The Royal British Legion, High Street, Ventnor at 2.00pm.
 - b) Ventnor Carnival Spring Fayre takes place at the Putting Green at Ventnor Park on Friday 5th April from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Each year the Carnival needs to fundraise around £12,500 to run the main Carnivals – any support for its fundraising events is greatly appreciated.
 - c) The Children's Carnival will take place at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 14th August, with the Main Carnival and Firework Display on that same evening from 7.00 pm.
 - d) The Illuminated Carnival will be held on Saturday 17th August from 9.00 pm.
 - e) Eloise Preston from The Carnival Association in partnership with Ventnor Town Council and the New Carnival Company is submitting a funding application to the Arts Council for £25,000 to create a series of workshops with community groups to promote art, craft and dance and highlighting the history of Ventnor Carnival. This will include building giant costumes and collecting oral history of Carnival.
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3) OUR PLACE - COMMUNITY ACTION HEALTH ROADSHOW

- a) This event took place at our usual monthly Our Place session at St. Catherine's Church on Thursday 25th January. Twenty-five agencies participated - including Breatheasy, Applegate Breast Cancer Support, Break Out Youth, IW MS Society, Diabetes IW, Sight 4 Wight, Age UK and the NHS Diagnostic Centre. There were also our regular Our Place guests –Citizen's Advice, Footprint Trust, Living Well-Early Help, Veteran's Outreach, Green Isle of Wight, Smoke Free Island, Barnardo's, Ventnor's PCSO and Beat Policeman, Baby Box and Ventnor Community Shed.
 - b) Around 180 people visited the event. Our volunteers served 60 two course hot lunches and received £100 in donations.
 - c) Our next monthly Our Place events are on the fourth Thursday of every month from 10.30am – dates for diaries, 22nd February, 28th March and 25th April.
 - d) There is a weekly hot two-course lunch served as part of Ventnor Town Council's Warm Space initiative from 12.00 noon every Thursday.
 - e) Our team of volunteers have served over 1000 lunches since we launched Warm Spaces project, just over a year ago.
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4) WELLBEING CAFE

- a) The group recently went on a trip to Ryde for shopping and fish and chips.
 - b) The lunches on Tuesdays and Fridays are proving popular and the washing machine is well used.
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- c) The group is planning a reminiscence session, a trip to Shanklin and to Ryde and a tie dye session.
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5) VENTNOR CRICKET CLUB

Tony McCarthy has been invited to the Cricket Club's AGM to talk about the community work Ventnor Town Council do and how we might work with the Club.

6) MACNAUGHTON-HOWE FESTIVAL

At a date to be agreed, Tony and I will meet with the newly appointed Chair of the Festival, Christine Larcombe to establish how the Town Council can better support and promote this autumn event.

7) DENTAID

Dentaid, the dental charity, will be working with the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board (ICB) to deliver dental care to members of the public who are exempt from dental charges across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight from February 2024.

To deliver this service, they use mobile dental vans with fully fitted dental surgeries and require a large flat parking space that is easily accessible and close to areas of deprivation.

As discussed at the recent Assets and Services Group meeting, it was agreed to provide one of the coach bays in Dudley Road car park for this very welcome service to residents who maybe struggling to access dentists.

Clinics will be provided the first week of March, April and May initially with more details to follow.
