



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 85/19

14 OCTOBER 2019

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

No. DETAILS

1) NEW PUBLIC TOILET

- a) The Toilet will consist of a Disability-friendly cubicle and two gender neutral separate male and female units.
 - b) It will take up three parking bays and the Isle of Wight Council have agreed to make the bays available.
 - c) We have now commissioned the production of the required detailed drawings and submission of a Planning Application. The current plan for the project is looking for completion by June next year.
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2) PADDLING POOL

- a) Having seen another busy season, the Paddling Pool – open from Easter until the end of summer - has now closed for the year.
 - b) Thanks go to Merv Ringer and Mick Wade for their continued daily maintenance throughout the season. Weather allowing, Brian Roberts will fill the Paddling Pool for October half term fortnight and jet-washing of that and the surrounding area will be undertaken in due course.
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3) BEACH SAFETY/FIRST AID HUT

- a) With summer well and truly over, the First Aid Hut is coming to a close. Our Maintenance Manager Brian Roberts has had an extremely busy summer season, providing beach and water safety to locals and visitors alike.
 - b) Much appreciation goes to Davin Gibbs, volunteer Beach Safety and First Aider. Davin has been instrumental in providing much-needed and essential cover for Brian in the hot weather.
 - c) Weather depending, the Hut will be open during the October half-term fortnight.
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4) CHILDREN'S SERVICES ALLOTMENT PROJECT

- a) Tuesday 24 September saw the successful launch of the allotments at Boniface Fields, for the Disabled Children's Team/Leaving Care Allotment Project.
 - b) Raised plots and specially-made disabled-accessible plots were made and installed by members of Ventnor Shed.
 - c) Brian Roberts has been closely involved in the project also, assisting where necessary and cutting the rubber mats to be used for wheelchair access.
 - d) The setting up of the project comes with much appreciation from Children's Services at the Isle of Wight Council.
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5) MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT WORKER

Following the decision of the Isle of Wight Council to close its Mental Health Day Centres and the Ventnor Green Room outreach Monday morning session, Minute 83/19 of the Town Council meeting of 8 July becomes effective.

The Mental Health Support Worker leading the Monday Club session in the Green Room will be employed by the Town Council for that session with effect from 1 November.

6) VENTNOR BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

- a) Councillor Jason Mack and I met with officers of the VBA on 11 September.
 - b) They shared with us the reasons behind their decision not to have the Ventnorville weekend this year and told us that they hope it will return in 2020.
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7) UPPER VENTNOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Councillor Jason Mack and I met with Upper Ventnor Community Association members for the latest in the 6-weekly cycle with positive discussions of the Haven, the Bandstand, the Town Centre, portacabins on Newport Road and a Wifi facility for St Margaret's Hall.

8) TEMPORARY BENCH

- a) The dilapidated and dangerous bench along the coastal path between Salisbury Gardens and Cheetah Marine has been removed.
 - b) Thanks go to Brian Roberts for his proactive and innovative approach in removing this seat and replacing with a sturdy handmade bench. Albeit a temporary bench, seating at this location provides a welcome rest and wonderful viewpoint.
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9) WORKING GROUPS

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 10 and 17 September and 1 October with the next meeting planned for 15 October.
 - b) The Community Development Working Group met on 24 September and 8 October.
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