



The purpose of this paper is to provide Members with information on financial year-end cost calculations and to request decisions on two applications for suspension of charges to accommodate community events.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The Town Council rents four of the town's car parks from the Isle of Wight Council: Dudley Road, Market Street, Pound Lane and Shore Road.
- b) The income is collected and recorded by the Isle of Wight Council and monthly reports are provided to the Town Council.
- c) The underlying financial agreement is to offset the income received against the annual rent with balances being settled at the end of each year.
- d) However, with the Town Council's management starting part-way through a financial year – from 1 August - the Isle of Wight Council have asked that a settlement be made on the first eight months in order to correspond with both Council's financial years in future.

2) BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2016

- a) The Isle of Wight Council Officers have proposed – and the Town Council's Public Buildings Working Group have agreed – that the balance due for the eight months from 1 August 2016 to 31 March 2016 be calculated on the basis of the difference between the cash collected during the later period and the same period one year earlier.
- b) Those amounts are:

PERIOD	POUND LANE	MARKET STREET	DUDLEY ROAD	SHORE ROAD	TOTALS
2014/15	3,471	3,202	4,325	3,386	14,384
2015/16	4,364	3,134	3,880	2,908	14,286
TOTAL	893	68	445	478	-98

- c) Members will recall that in advance of taking on the management of these four car parks the Town Council agreed to revert to the pre-increase parking charges for Pound Lane, Market Street and Dudley Road and to fundamentally alter the Shore Road charges to two bands only of £1 for the first hour and £3 for the day.
- d) Charges for Dudley Road were also suspended for the whole day for the Ventnorville event.

3) REQUESTS FOR FREE PARKING

- a) The Town Council has received two requests to suspend parking charges in car parks it manages as set out in the next two paragraphs.
- b) *Ventnor Royal British Legion: 29 October*
Following its success in securing their Annual Poppy Launch event to take place in Ventnor this year and the consequent closure of the Central Car Park for the day, the request is for the Town Council to agree to suspend parking charges in all four car parks for the day. The letter with further details is attached to this Report.
- c) *Bonchurch Community Association*
The Association is holding its Annual Village Fete on Sunday 29 May and the request is for the suspension of parking charges on Shore Road car park for the day.

4) RECOMMENDATION

- a) The Public Buildings Working Group recommends that both requests set out in section (3) above be accepted as consistent with one of the Town Council's purpose in taking on the management of the car parks: the support the town's community organisations and the activities they promote within and for the town.
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BY HAND

4th May 2016

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Dear Jason

TOWN CAR PARKS – POPPY LAUNCH – 29TH OCTOBER

I am writing regarding the County (IW) Poppy Launch this year which will take place on the morning of Saturday 29th October.

This is the major annual event in the RBL County calendar and it signifies the commencement of the Island Poppy Appeal Launch. It is customary for the RBL County Committee to select Newport to host this ceremony. I however, have questioned this decision and have lobbied the committee for Ventnor to hold this ceremony. I am very pleased that the committee has agreed with my request and it is a great honour for our Branch Committee to host this ceremony in Ventnor.

Our committee is currently involved in the planning and preparation of this ceremony. There will be a number of Island dignitaries present, including the Lord Lt. The ceremony will commence with a march through the town of Standards, veterans, Cadets and Youth Organisations lead by the Wight Diamonds Band. There will be entertainment, stalls and a display of WW1 weaponry in the central car park and also a choir and classical group. The RN Field Gun Team will also attend.

We have been in discussion with Island Council (Roads) and in principle they have agreed that we can have exclusive use of the central car park to hold the ceremony. This however places restrictions on parking, i.e., not only those who have parking permits for the central car park, but those from across the Island who will come to Ventnor to take part in the ceremony or to spectate.

To alleviate the potential parking problems in the town, I request that you consider suspending all parking charges in car parks that are administered by the Town Council on 29th October. It is anticipated that the ceremony will end by 12 noon, however all those taking part in the ceremony are invited to return to the RBL Social Club for a buffet.

There is a great deal of work still to be done on the administration of the ceremony, including advertising, road closures, signage, traffic marshals, etc.

One thing however is clear, and that is the Branch Committee's aim is to hold a ceremony far superior than held elsewhere in previous years and one that will not be surpassed by any other Island Branch in future years!

We look forward to putting Ventnor on the Island map, where it rightly belongs!

Please let me have your comments in due course. We would really appreciate your assistance and co-operation in holding this important RBL ceremony.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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