



ESPLANADE WATER FOUNTAIN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 77/18

13 AUGUST 2018

The purpose of this paper is to recommend the Town Council to progress the Asset & Services Working Group's proposals for the restoration of the Esplanade Water Fountain.

NO. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The notes of local historian, the late Fay Hewitt Brown, on the Fountain record its origins as follows:

Temperance was foremost in the minds of many people in the late 1880s and early 1900s and locally the Ventnor and Bonchurch Temperance Society was formed. Mr. John Newton Cater, a member of the Local Board (forerunner of the Ventnor Urban District Council) was the Hon. Secretary in 1883 when it was proposed to erect a "handsome granite drinking fountain." The money was raised by public subscription and the fountain was built by Ingram's.

- b) Its deteriorating condition was discussed by the Assets & Services Group in March last year and it was agreed to obtain a quotation for its restoration.
- c) The quotation, from Wight Stonemasonry Ltd is attached to this Report.

2) PROGRESS

- a) No action was taken at that time as there was no budgetary provision for it and it was agreed to leave progress with the restoration until this year.
- b) Informal discussions with the Down to the Coast fund have indicated that an approach to assist with funding for the works would be appropriate.
- c) Down to the Coast requires 40% match funding for projects and on the basis of last year's quotation that would require a Town Council contribution of £1,039 against a grant of £1,559.
- d) There may well be an increase in the May 2017 cost if the work proceeds this year and the Assets & Services Group wants to consider including addition works to the structure.
- e) The next deadline for the consideration of applications is 13 October.

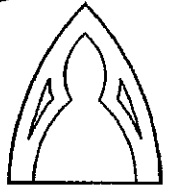
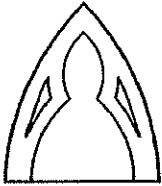
3) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to:

- i) ask its Clerk to submit a funding application to Down to the Coast for the restoration works up to the maximum grant level of \$5,000 on the basis of updated estimates;
- ii) agree to fund the 40% match funding requirement if the application is successful.

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Mr B Lucas
Ventnor Town Council
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Isle of Wight

08 MAY 2017

3.5.2017

Dear Mr Lucas
Quotation

Re VENTNOR CASCADE DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

Further to our meeting I am able to offer you the following quotation.

To; Clean Memorial and steps

Replace 2 No; angled Purbeck steps

Repaint inscription

Remove lime scale from bowl

Re render top step.

Cost for all works	£2,165.00
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VAT	£ 433.00
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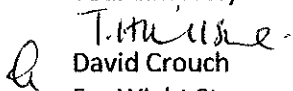
Total	£2,598.00
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Note;

There are some heavy lime scale and carbon deposits, I cannot guarantee all of these will be removed. I have not allowed for fencing or any public access that maybe required. Please advise regarding this. Fencing will be required during works.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your sincerely



David Crouch

For Wight Stonemasonry Ltd.