



MAJOR PROJECTS PROGRESS

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 54/20

13 JULY 2020

The purpose of this Report is to provide an update on progress to date with the Town Council's major regeneration projects as the basis for decisions on next steps.

No. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The Town Council considered the progress of its Major Regeneration Projects at a meeting on 11 May 2020 at the commencement of the final year of its four year term
 - b) The purpose of the meeting was to identify the actions that needed to be taken to progress them as far as possible to delivery before the local elections of 6 May 2021.
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2) PROGRESS TO DATE

The chart attached to this Report identifies both the progress with those projects to date and the next steps that need to be actioned.

3) RECOMMENDATION

- a) Members are recommended to:
 - b) Note the progress to date and agree the next stage for each.
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Green text in column 4 indicates progress made; red text indicates action still needed.

PROJECT	STATUS AT 11 MAY	REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION	ACHIEVED & OUTSTANDING
Boniface Fields	Ventnor Shed, 2 portacabins let to artists, 1 portacabin as community room + 25 allotments	Electricity supply to be secured + Lease to be finalised to replace Tenancy at Will + Ventnor Shed's development proposals assessed	Heads of Terms agreed & Ventnor Shed's proposals discussed Lease to be finalised and & electricity supply secured
New Public Toilet	Plans agreed, Planning application approved	Building Regulations approval + tender process run + contractor appointed + Public Works Loan Board £150k loan secured + build programme from 1 September.	Building regs application submitted & tender process agreed Tender process to run and PW:B loan application to be submitted
Central Car Park	Potential layout redesign to create additional parking bays to offset those needed to accommodate Toilet and High St. parking	Discussions with IoWC's Senior Surveyor (previous Property Manager) about costs , opening email exchange here	Estimate of survey cost & offer to provide 50% of it IoWC refused other 50% contribution. Decision needed on how to proceed
Car Park Management	Business case for vtc management of Central, Grove Road, Esplanade & La Falaise submitted Dec 2018	Discussion with and decision by Isle of Wight Council	No response from IoWC. Say they're waiting to confirm their 2016 Island-wide draft Parking Policy. Not included in current Forward Plan.
Ventnor Park	VTC committed to management and maintenance of the Park with £31k budget	Heads of Terms for Lease to be agreed + lease to be agreed & signed + maintenance costs and payment schedule to be agreed.	Full Grounds Maintenance cost budgeted for this year. No Heads of Terms yet provided. Told awaiting Portfolio Holder confirmation
Ventnor Central	Feasibility study for library + 3 floors social housing not viable	Suggested possible bid to Heritage Lottery Funding for £1.8M to fund library, building renovation & refurb to become community base.	Proposal paused while other options are considered
Upper Ventnor Land	Site development based initially on limited number of small, light industrial units; IoWC supportive and have regularised existing tenancies Feasibility Study of site	Initial Andrew Hitt drawings (Chris Ashman has agreed to fund)	Nick Cox working with IoWCs Claire Elderfield, Jim Toogood and Andrew Hitt to produce drawings for small Industrial Units ,

Ventnor Haven	Several meetings (Jim, Jason & me) with Sean Strevens & Geoff Blake, latest included Bob Seely	Potential application to Maritime Fisheries Fund + Seaweed recycling project + local management arrangement	Application still proceeding. No recent meetings
Town Centre Improvements	Island Roads' proposals, legal advice and topographical survey	Removal of all or most of High Street Parking + parking relocation to Central Car Park + other access measures.	Alternative proposal submitted to IoWC for comment