



NOTICEBOARD CHANGES

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 54/13

15 JULY 2013

The purpose of this report is to ask Members to consider requests for changes to two of the town's Noticeboards.

No. DETAIL

1) INTRODUCTION

- a) A request has been received from Upper Ventnor Community Association (UVCA) to replace the dilapidated Noticeboard on Newport Road.
 - b) A request has also been received from the Ventnor & Undercliff Heritage Partnership for permission to replace the Ventnor 'map' Noticeboard adjacent to the Central Car Park with one of their planned Trail Boards.
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2) UPPER VENTNOR

- a) The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerks met with members of the UVCA Committee on Wednesday 10 July at their request to discuss a range of issues they are keen to progress; one of these is a replacement of the shabby Noticeboard used for publicising local events and activities.
 - b) Councillor Jim Toogood has obtained an estimate for a replacement Noticeboard of the same size and quality as the one installed at Outfit of £1,192 including installation.
 - c) This was discussed with the UCVA Committee on the basis of the possibility a proceeding with that development on the basis of a 50/50 division of the cost and including guaranteed ongoing access by the Town Council, subject to approval by both organisations.
 - d) The UCVA have now held a formal Committee meeting that has approved their contribution of £600.
 - e) A matching amount by the Town Council can be committed from the current Community Development funding, subject to Town Council formal approval.
 - f) This would not only be in itself a contribution to the community development of one of the town's two most deprived areas it would also be a strong start to the shared commitment to partnership working between the Town Council and UVCA.
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3) TOWN CENTRE

- a) The Ventnor & Undercliff Partnership's Richard Downing has requested the Town Council to explore the possibility of replacing the existing old Noticeboard in the small area at the western end of the Central Car Park with one of their planned Heritage Trail Boards that would identify the Trail and other elements of historical interest in the town.
 - b) He states that the current board was a joint venture between the Town Council and the Rotary Club but we are not able to confirm this from existing records.
 - c) He makes the point that not only is it now somewhat shabby but that given the clutter in that area it would be better to replace one board with another rather than add another.
 - d) Members will recall agreement at last month's Town Council meeting to become one of the Partnership's sponsors. No financial commitment is requested.
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4) RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) The Town Council is recommended to approve the proposal to commit £600 from the current Community Development project budget to match fund equal funding by the Upper Ventnor Community Association for the purchase of an appropriate new Noticeboard for Lowtherville.
 - b) The Town Council is further recommended to give the Town Clerk working with the Chair of its
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Planning Committee authority to explore the necessary permissions for the replacement of the older Ventnor map Noticeboard off the Central Park with one of the Trail Boards proposed by the Ventnor & Undercliff Partnership.
