



# PADDLING POOL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 81/13

14 OCTOBER 2013

The purpose of this Report is to provide Members with a summary of the first year of the Town Council's management of the Esplanade Paddling Pool.

## No. DETAIL

### 1) BACKGROUND

The Town Council resolved to take on responsibility for the management and funding of the Paddling Pool at its meeting of 12 November 2012 following the Isle of Wight Council's withdrawal of funding from the Paddling Pools of Ryde, East Cowes and Ventnor from 31 March 2013.

### 2) ARRANGEMENTS

- a) The Isle of Wight Council's Strategic Manager Recreation, Leisure and Public Spaces, Alex Minns, provided significant advice and assistance during the hand-over.
- b) The Town Council engaged two of the previous members of his team responsible for Paddling Pool Maintenance on the basis of 1.5 hours each day for routine emptying, cleaning and refilling operations and for such additional maintenance as may be required.
- c) The Town Council determined that the Pool would be open from 1 May to 30 September and provided a £4,000 budget within its 2013/14 budget.
- d) There have been no accidents or complaints recorded during the year and thanks are due to the two temporary staff, Merv Ringer and Mick Wade, for their excellent work.

### 3) FINANCES

- a) The table lists the expenditure on the project by category and months:

MONTH	SALARIES	SIGNAGE	CHEMICALS	TOTALS
MAY	180	50		230
JUNE	465			465
JULY	525	122		647
AUGUST	630		87	717
SEPTEMBER	656			656
OCTOBER	525			525
TOTALS	2,981	50	209	3,240

- b) The £760 underspend against the provided budget is largely the result of the Isle of Wight Council undertaking the pre-opening repair and paint at their expense.
- c) In addition, the Town Council received a £1,000 sponsorship donation from the Hunneyhill Stores Group on behalf of its Ventnor Spar stores towards the maintenance of the Pool during the 2014 season.

### 4) RECOMMENDATION

- a) John Perret, a Partner in Hunneyhill Stores Group, has confirmed the Group's willingness to continue the Spar store's sponsorship of the Pool at £1,000 for the 2014 season.
- b) The Town Council is recommended to:
  - i) record its appreciation of the Spar sponsorship commitment in 2013; and
  - ii) formally accept the offer of its continuation in 2014.