



PUTTING GREEN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 60/13

12 AUGUST 2013

The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval of a proposed change to the operator of the Putting Green for the 2014 season.

No. DETAIL

1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Following discussions with the Isle of Wight Council's Recreation, Leisure and Public Spaces service last year it was agreed that Ventnor Town Council would continue to be responsible for the management of the Putting Green, including the appointment of its operator, for the 2013 and 2014 seasons.
 - b) The Town Council agreed to the appointment of the long term operators of the Putting Green, Chris and Sue Cooper, for those two seasons.
 - c) They have now indicated their interest in implementing their decision to retire from the role originally signalled in 2012 and then revoked in order to ensure the continuing operation of the facility.
 - d) They have identified a couple very interested in taking over the role for the 2014 season, Richard and Jackie Tilley and the Town Clerks have had an initial meeting with them on Tuesday 6 August.
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2) CONSIDERATIONS

- a) As long-term operators of Tilley's Café, Richard and Jackie Tilley are well equipped to continue the catering provision at the site and have the business experience necessary for the management of the business.
 - b) Chris and Sue Cooper are very willing to share their detailed experience of the putting green itself and the associated Sunday music from the bandstand.
 - c) The Isle of Wight Council's intention to take over the management of the facility following the 2014 season remains and although Richard and Jackie Tilley have longer term plans for its development they are content to take on a one-year appointment at this time.
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3) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council are recommended to:

- i) appoint Richard and Jackie Tilley as operators of the Putting Green for the 2014 season and authorise its Clerk to make the necessary arrangements; and
 - ii) thank Chris and Sue Cooper for their dedicated commitment to the maintenance, operation and development of the facility.
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