



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

9 JULY 2012

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with updates on some areas of the Town Council's ongoing work.

No. DETAIL

1) WARMER VENTNOR

- a) The Warmer Ventnor scheme was only officially launched two weeks ago and already has assisted 8 people. The scheme is funded up to a budgeted total of £5,000 by Ventnor Town Council and delivered by the Island's Footprint Trust charity.
 - b) The Footprint Trust visits people in their homes in the Ventnor area and gives them tailored guidance on staying warm, grants available and details of free or economic insulation initiatives.
 - c) A confidential report on the Trust's assessment of need, after signing off by the Mayor and Town Clerk, authorises the Trust to purchase the agreed items and reclaim the cost from the Town Council.
 - d) As a result of this Project to date, one local young family now has an energy efficient washing machines and another a fridge-freezer; both will help in reducing fuel bills and improving lives.
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2) WAR MEMORIAL

- a) Progress in discussions with the Conservation Architect and various experts guided by Councillor Jim Toogood is such that it is expected that a formal tender process will be able to launch by the end of this month based on the Schedule of Works and Materials provided by Architect Robin Nugent.
 - b) This will ensure that it is possible to submit a completed application to the War Memorials Trust for up to 50% of the total restoration cost by their next deadline of 30 September.
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3) DUDLEY ROAD CAR PARK

- a) As determined by the Town Council's June meeting, a request to discuss the future development of Dudley Road Car Park, and parking in the town generally with the Isle of Wight Council has been submitted to Alex Minns, its Strategic Manager, Leisure, Recreation and Parks.
 - b) His reply stated: *Thanks for bringing this up. I'm going to discuss this with colleagues and will get back to you probably early in July.*
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4) FIRST AID HUT

- a) We were asked to explore the possibility of the Isle of Wight Council transferring the ownership of the First Aid Hut to Ventnor Town Council rather than completing the offered 5-year lease.
 - b) We have now had a formal response for Strategic Manager Assets, Barry Cooke: *Further to your letter of 25 May, I have now received formal confirmation from my Service client and regret to advice that a freehold/ground leasehold transfer at a nominal sum is not possible, and that the 5 year lease as already agreed will be the basis of occupation by the Town Council.*
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5) MEMORIAL BENCHES

- a) There are two more Memorial Bench installations being processed by the Assistant Town Clerk.
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- b) One of these will be in place by the end of this month in memory of a Mr Graham Smith and located at Flowersbrook.
 - c) The exact location of the other is yet to be finalised but is likely to be in Ventnor Park in memory of Frank and Violet Laycock.
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6) BEACH DEVELOPMENT

- a) Members will recall that objections to the proposed Catering Facility on Ventnor Beach were registered in response to an invitation to comment from the Isle of Wight Council's Recreation, Leisure and Public Spaces service.
 - b) In a letter thanking the Town Council for engaging with the proposals, the services Strategic Manager Alex Minns says: *Whilst we would normally encourage new opportunities, we will not do so to the detriment of the area of local business people. I am, therefore, writing to confirm that we shall not be pursuing these proposals.*
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