



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

14 MAY 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) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKER APPOINTMENT

- a) The Recruitment & Selection process reported to the Town Council last month resulted in a failure to appoint to the post and the Staffing Committee agreed that it would be appropriate to adopt a pro-active search.
 - b) Contacts were established with Portsmouth University, two Island Employment Agencies and Job Centre Plus who were all requested to propose clients with appropriate qualifications and experience.
 - c) The Staffing Committee has now confirmed the appointment of Nicholas Cox, an Island resident for the last 12 years and currently resident in Freshwater to the post with effect from Monday 14 May 2012.
 - d) The staff team for the current financial year is now complete and we are jointly committed to delivering the Town Council's vision and objectives.
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2) WAR MEMORIAL

- a) Thanks to Councillor Jim Toogood, good progress has been made with this project.
 - b) We have had our first meeting with the appointed Conservation Architect, Robin Nugent, who visited the site on Monday 30 April and then met with us to discuss his findings.
 - c) He has requested some additional information both from us and from the company who carried out the work involved in the bore hole.
 - d) He has supplied an initial drawing for the development and we expect progress to be timely in relation to proving sufficient time for a procurement process in advance of the 30 September deadline for applications in this financial year to the War Memorials Trust.
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3) DINGHY CHARGES

- a) At the April meeting of the Town Council we were requested to seek clarification from the Isle of Wight on two aspects of their increased charges for dinghy parking in Wheelers Bay: how the services provided at their comparator sites compared with those available at Wheelers Bay and how much additional revenue would accrue to the Isle of Wight Council as a result of the increases.
 - b) The notice of the increased charges indicated that they were very reasonable compared with those in operation at four comparator sites: New Forest, Torbay, Christchurch and Nettlestone/Seaview.
 - c) The Isle of Wight Council's Strategic Manager, Leisure, Recreation and Parks has confirmed in an email response to our queries that the charges at all four sites do not include any additional services, except where they are charged for additionally to the parking charges.
 - d) The income the Isle of Wight Council expects to receive from Wheelers Bay parking this financial year is £4,240.37 – an increase from last year's £1,965.47 – rising to £7,807.33 in 2013//14.
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4) DOGS

- a) Wendy Marshall's work with us received good coverage in the *County Press* and is being well received in the town.
 - b) Councillor David George will report on possible further developments in this area.
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