



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

12 MARCH 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) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POST

- a) The post has been advertised as agreed as a 12-month appointment of 30 hours a week remunerated at an annual salary of £15,931 (an amount that is pro rata to JNC for Youth & Community Workers Scale point 10).
- b) The increase in the weekly hours has been made possible by a grant contribution of £5,000 to the project from Southern Housing Group who will work closely with us throughout it.
- c) Advertisements have been placed in the *County Press* and in a range of free, relevant web sites with a closing date of noon on Friday 23 March 2012. The Job Description, Person Specification and Application form are available from a link on the home page of the Town Council's web site.
- d) Interviews for a short list of candidates will be on Monday 2 April with each candidate having both a formal Interview with a Panel of The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Carol Jones and the Town Clerk as well as an informal session with a group familiar with the voluntary sector convened by Councillor Jason Mack.

2) PIGEONS

- a) The experiment with flying Hawks as a deterrent to the local pigeon nuisance has now been completed.
- b) John Owen of Appuldurcombe Farm has conducted the six-weeks of Saturday flying very professionally throughout and thanks are due to him for ensuring that no unnecessary harm was caused.
- c) The subject of pigeon nuisance is likely to return to the Town Council agenda after further assessment.

3) WAR MEMORIAL

- a) It had been hoped that it would be possible to comply with the request from the February meeting of the Town Council to report the costs of engaging the services of a Conservation Architect in the preparation of the Schedule of Works that is a requirement for any grant application to the War Memorials Trust.
- b) That has not yet been possible in the unusually short 3-week period between meetings and the information will be available to the April meeting.

4) VENTNOR MUSIC FOR FUN FESTIVAL

- a) We are pleased to report the success of this year's Ventnor Music for Fun Festival and to congratulate the organisers on making it possible.
- b) The admin support provided by the assistant Town Clerk has been acknowledged as crucial to the success of the event and proved an interesting pilot for the Town Council's new approach to support for local voluntary and community groups expressed in the Community Capacity project.