



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

14 NOVEMBER 2011

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

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1)	<b>WAR MEMORIAL</b>
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Councillor Harry Rees has been in contact with the Regional Representative of the War Memorials Trust, Geoff Allan, who has kindly provided us with the results of their own recent condition survey.</li><li>b) Councillor Jim Toogood has organised several favours from local experts to assess the repair/restoration needs.</li><li>c) The Memorial, designed by the Bonchurch firm of Daniel Day &amp; Sons, was quarried at Gills Cliff, stands 20ft high and weighs 40 tons.</li><li>d) As Members agreed, a report with recommendations will go to the Town Council meeting of 12 December.</li></ul> |
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2)	<b>CASCADE FOUNTAIN</b>
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Following a complaint from a resident about the fact that the drinking fountain on the Eastern Esplanade had not worked for years, Councillor Jim Toogood's investigation established the reason: the water supply had been turned off!</li><li>b) Arrangements are now in hand to replace the broken tap and then restore the water supply. Councillor Jim Toogood is the keyholder who will ensure the supply is turned off when temperatures warrant.</li></ul> |
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3)	<b>OUTFIT</b>
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) A meeting between Evelyn Knowles and Stephanie Toogood who are responsible for the Outdoor Fitness Area project - now branded as <i>Outfit</i> - and the Town Clerks on 9 November agreed the plans for the launch event on 2 January 2012.</li><li>b) A six-piece band has been engaged, Sue and Chris Cooper have been contracted to supply the light refreshments – including mulled wine – and Members are asked to play a central role in the event.</li><li>c) The Assistant Town Clerk will support the organisers by developing a mailing list for invitations and carrying out the mailing of them. Arrangements are in hand for the production of posters and leaflets.</li><li>d) The related costs are all covered within the grant funding.</li><li>e) The area is now fully fenced and benches delivered. The first grant claim – for £4,957 – has been made. That amount is on its way to the Town Council's account and will be paid immediately to the relevant suppliers.</li></ul> |
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4)	<b>MEMORIAL BENCHES</b>
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The Assistant Town Clerk's work on requests for Memorial Benches will result in the installation of a further six before the end of December.</li><li>b) Two are being placed on the Esplanade, including the one the Town Council agreed to provide to mark the contribution to the Town and Council's life of Robbie Mew.</li><li>c) The others will consist of one each in Ventnor Park, Monks Bay and Flowersbrook with one under the Ventor sign.</li></ul> |
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**5) TESCO BUILDING**

- a)** Councillor Harry Rees got the latest information on the High Street building from the Contractor for the work.
  - b)** He has been told that the building has moved, affecting both adjoining properties.
  - c)** The contractors have been working from the rear of the building to remove the last of the asbestos.
  - d)** Due to the instability of the building, they are also erecting internal supports and once that is complete demolition will begin and is expected to be completed by the end of December with scaffolding expected to be put up on the High Street side very soon.
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