



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

11 JULY 2011

The purpose of this report is to provide members with information on some areas of the Town Council's work.

No. DETAIL

1) SHORE ROAD TOILETS

- a) Following the decision of last month's Town Council meeting to take on the management of Bonchurch's Shore Road toilets, the facility re-opened a week later on Monday 20 June.
 - b) The Isle of Wight Council officers involved acted very quickly in response to our request for the opportunity to re-open at the earliest opportunity. The Town Council's right to manage remains based on email exchanges with a formal Tenancy at Will still in the process of preparation.
 - c) Full insurance cover, including Public Liability is in place.
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2) OUTDOOR ADULT FITNESS AREA

- a) The second stage lottery deadline of 11 July for the Outdoor Adult Fitness Area will, thanks to Evelyn Knowles' determined commitment to meet the very detailed paperwork requirements and pro bono support from Architect Duncan Grayler, has been met.
 - b) The bid is for a total of £34,965 at this stage and, given that Ventnor Town Council is committed to taking responsibility for the Area if the bid is successful, a copy of the list of items covered by the bid is attached for Members' information together with a site plan.
 - c) I have signed, on the Town Council's behalf, the Landowner Consent Form required by the bid on the basis of an emailed commitment from the Isle of Wight Council to lease the site to the Town Council on a ten year term if the bid is successful.
 - d) I have also signed the commitment to act as Accountable Body for the funding. We have been able to include a charge of £750 within the bid for this work.
 - e) The responsibility for insurance of Assets (as the grant process defines them) will also lie with the Town Council. We have received a quotation for that from our Insurers that includes material damage to equipment, surfaces, bin, bench and fencing as well as public liability cover at an annual premium of £265. We are able to include the first three years of this within the bid.
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3) FIRST AID PROJECT

- a) The First Aid Project is working well. It has recorded 10 incidents requiring first aid treatment and 25 advice discussions directly with individual beach users about a range of dangers.
 - b) Although not connected in any way with the Project, it has recorded sight of two incidents requiring the rescue of people from dangerous incidents in the sea.
 - c) The First Aid Hut is still occupied by the Project on the basis of an email exchange with the Isle of Wight Council, awaiting the provision of a formal Tenancy at Will.
 - d) Five volunteers are now active within the project with completed CRB checks and three others are in the process of supplying the documentation needed for us to apply for one. The cost of each on-line application is £8 as they are volunteers and, in any case, the cost is chargeable to the funding from the Isle of Wight Council.
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