



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

11 APRIL 2011

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

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#### 1) WINTER GARDENS

- a) The Isle of Wight Council's Officers' technical assessment of the six bids received for the Winter Gardens have resulted in a shortlist of three to be interviewed on the afternoon on Thursday 14 April.
  - b) We have been informed that the three are from:
    - o Robert Thompson's Hambrough Group (Robert Thompson, Kevin Sussmilch)
    - o Klaus Kunhnke (Klaus Kunhnke)
    - o Ventnor Winter Gardens Trust (John Allen, Linda Chester, Tony Careless, David Grocock, Ann Hutchings, Paul Hutchings, Robert Ventress).
  - c) The Panel will consist of:
    - o John Metcalfe Assistant Director, Economic Development Tourism & Leisure
    - o Barry Cooke Strategic Manager Assets
    - o Alex Minns Strategic Manager Leisure Recreation & Public Spaces
    - o Jason Doughty Estates Surveyor
    - o Susan Scoccia Ward Member for Ventnor West
    - o Chris Welsford Ward Member for Ventnor East
    - o Stephen Stubbings Member of Ventnor Town Council
    - o Jim Toogood Member of Ventnor Town Council
    - o David Bartlett Clerk to Ventnor Town Council (as a non-voting member).
  - d) The preferred bidder will then be invited to enter detailed negotiations with Isle of Wight Council officers on the terms of the Agreement. The Town Council will be asked for its support of those terms before the settlement is recommended to the Cabinet Member for Economy, Tourism, Leisure, Planning and Property to exercise his delegated decision by the end of May/
  - e) The intention is then for the successful bidder to occupy the Winter Gardens under a tenancy at will whilst the final details of the disposal are being concluded, allowing the facility to open in time for the season.
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#### 2) VACANCIES

- a) The Town Council currently now has three vacancies.
  - b) Two of those vacancies – one in each of Ventnor East and St Lawrence – have to be filled by election because 10 electors have asked for one last September. Several attempts to organise elections have failed due to the absence of any nominations for either.
  - c) New elections for these two vacancies have now been arranged by the Isle of Wight Council's Elections Officer for Thursday 26 May 2011 and a detailed timetable will be available soon.
  - d) It would be appropriate to run a new Co-option process to fill the other St Lawrence vacancy with a suggested closing date of Friday 29 April in anticipation of a formal appointment at the next meeting of the Town Council on 9 May 2011.
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