



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 55/13

15 JULY 2013

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

No. DETAIL

1) TIMEBANK SUPPORT STAFF

- a) The advertisements for the post of a Timebank Support Worker funded through the Awards for All grant attracted 10 applications from which a shortlist of 5 was selected.
 - b) One of those dropped out prior to the interviews when the remaining four met with the Town Clerk, the Community Development Worker and Councillor Leigh Geddes (Timebank Steering Group Chair) on the evening of Thursday 4 July.
 - c) Our decision to postpone a start date until early September together with the requirement to spend the grant by 31 May 2014 meant that the weekly hours could be increased to 16 and the interviews provided the opportunity to take on two workers rather than one.
 - d) Both are Ventnor residents: Sarah Makin will take up her 10 hour a week post on 4 September and Jon Idle his on 6 hours a week on 9 September.
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2) ISLAND ROADS

- a) The Assistant Town Clerk has developed very positive and constructive relationships with Island Roads, in particular with Customer Services Manager Louise Watson and District Steward Matt Shaw.
 - b) One recent outcome from that has been the repairs to benches at the top of St Alban's Steps and in Belgrave Road by Island Roads on request from the Town Council.
 - c) The Mayor and Assistant Town Clerk are attending a two hour meeting with Island Roads on Friday 19 July to discuss area plans together with representatives from Godshill and Wroxall.
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3) NALC CONFERENCE

- a) The Town Clerk attended the National Association of Local Council's Conference on *Putting Communities First* in Sheffield on 11 July where Ventnor's experience of applying the Localism Act's Community Rights was again a case study for one of the Workshops.
 - b) NALC were given the opportunity to drop the contribution for the Sheffield event as a day return schedule was not possible and required a hotel booking for the previous evening. However they decided the contribution was worth the cost!
 - c) Details about the Conference, including some of the presentations given at it, are available on the Town Council's web site.
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4) BEACH SAFETY COURSES

- a) The Town Council has sponsored the Beach Safety Group Training Courses for Rookie Lifeguards.
 - b) Inserts publicising courses were printed for inclusion in the Chronicle and to accompany the St Francis School weekly newsletter.
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