



# TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 15/13

18 FEBRUARY 2013

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

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**1) GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- a) A grant application to Southern Housing Group for a £5,000 contribution to the Community Development Worker post has been submitted.
  - b) A grant application has been submitted to Awards for All in a total of £8,850 for a project to take Ventnor Timebank to independent status with its own set of governing procedures and policies. It includes provision for a 12-hour a week Administrator post.
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**2) CAR PARKING**

- a) Our Consultant, Andy Stafford, is making good progress with his work on the brief provided while waiting for the promised data from the Isle of Wight Council that will enable him to make the necessary calculations about costs and operational implications.
  - b) His latest email includes the statement: *I think there is a great opportunity to improve car park utilisation and to alleviate some of the on-street (evening / weekend) parking problems through resident discounting initiatives in conjunction with subsidised parking for various user groups and a restructuring of car park pricing*
  - c) He clearly intends to provide a full range of options. Even when he cautions that a Pay on Exit solution, although available, *I feel it will be a bridge too far to invest heavily in new technology*, he goes on to say: *but my report will outline the options to ensure they can all be considered accordingly.*
  - d) Meanwhile the project continues to attract from elsewhere. In the past week there have been phone calls asking for more information from Town Councillors in Yarm, North Yorkshire and Dulverton in Somerset.
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**3) PADDLING POOL**

Councillor Jim Toogood and I are meeting a potential contractor for Paddling Pool servicing on Tuesday 19 February.

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**4) WAR MEMORIAL**

Arrangements are in hand for the monitoring of the War Memorial over the next 18 months as requested by the War Memorials Trust and for establishing the point of no return.

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