



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

13 AUGUST 2012

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

No. DETAIL

1) WARMER VENTNOR

- a) The Mayor and Town Clerk have to date signed off on support for nine Ventnor homes occupied by families in fuel poverty as advised by the Footprint Trust in accordance with the agreed scheme.
 - b) The Footprint Trust visits people in their homes in the Ventnor area and gives them tailored guidance on staying warm, grants available and details of free or economic insulation initiatives.
 - c) A confidential report on the Trust's assessment of need, after signing off by the Mayor and Town Clerk, authorises the Trust to purchase the agreed items and reclaim the cost from the Town Council.
 - d) A total of £3,760 has now been approved from the total budget allocation of £5,000.
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2) WAR MEMORIAL

- a) Tender documents for the work identified by the Conservation Architect have been sent to four Island building companies with a reputation appropriate for the standards and sensitivity required in the project delivery.
 - b) The deadline for return of sealed tenders is noon on Friday 24 August 2012 when they will be formally opened by the Town Clerk and Councillors Jim Toogood and Harry Rees.
 - c) There is, of course, no question of a tender being accepted at this stage. The requirement to obtain three quotations included in the application process to the War Memorials Trust and, once they have been received, the application form can be completed.
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3) QUALITY COUNCIL

- a) The work required for the completion of the evidence file is nearing completion.
 - b) The file and completed application form will be handed over to the Isle of Wight Association of Local Council's designated officer for this purpose by the end of August who will in turn submit them to the Panel in advance of its September meeting.
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4) LEASES

- a) The Lease for the land occupied by the Outfit equipment has now been signed by both parties. The only remaining requirement is for the lease to be registered with the Land Registry.
 - b) The Lease for the First Aid Hut has now been signed by both parties.
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5) BT CABINETS

- a) Following discussion of the proposed siting of the 6 new Cabinets to be installed in the Town by BT at last week's Planning Committee, concern has also been expressed about their appearance.
 - b) We have asked Councillor Debby Robinson to speak to the meeting on this matter.
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