



# WAR MEMORIAL

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 56/14

10 MARCH 2014

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The purpose of this report is to record the completion of the works to the base of the War Memorial and introduce a request from the WW1 2014-18 Commemoration Committee for a contribution to the costs of the commemoration event on 3 August 2014.

**No. DETAIL**

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**1) WAR MEMORIAL WORKS**

- a) The restoration work on the base of the War Memorial has now been completed.
  - b) Additional work has been carried out to the top of the Memorial that is being funded directly by the Ventnor Branch of the Royal British Legion.
  - c) Councillor Jim Toogood will report in more detail at the meeting.
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**2) COMMEMORATION EVENT**

- a) A letter from the Chair of the Ventnor WW1 2014-18 Commemoration Committee requesting a contribution to the major initial event they are organising at the War Memorial on 3 August 2014 is attached to this Report.
  - b) In informal discussions it was proposed that the Town Council could be asked to consider a 50% contribution to the request for a direct financial contribution subject to that being matched by Ventnor Branch of the Royal British Legion.
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**3) RECOMMENDATION**

The Town Council is recommended to offer a contribution of £375 towards the £750 now being requested as a contribution to the costs of the 3 August event subject to that being matched by the Ventnor Branch of the Royal British Legion.

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10 JUN 2014

9<sup>th</sup> June 2014

BY HAND

Jason Mack  
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Dear Jason

**VENTNOR WWI COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE - CONTRIBUTION APPLICATION**

A committee, initiated by the Ventnor Royal British Legion and in association with Ventnor Town Council, has been formed to plan events over the next four years to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War I. The aim is to commemorate a number of events starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014. The intention is to make this a community enterprise and seek the involvement and active support of Ventnorians.

We are now well into our planning for a parade and church service in Ventnor on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August and we have costed this event. The event will require transport, an Island band, PA system, portaloos, refreshments, medical and insurance cover and the cost is approximately £1200.

We have of course been fund raising and have already collected over £400 with other fund raising events planned.

I am writing to request a contribution of £500 to our fund in order that Ventnor can pay a fitting tribute to those who gave their lives for their country, and in particular to those 113 local people whose names are recorded on Ventnor War Memorial.

I would be grateful if you and the Town Councillors would consider this contribution request favourably.

Yours sincerely

Danny McMeechan  
Major (Retd)  
Chairman, Ventnor WW1 2014-2018 Commemoration Committee