



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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## PROJECT PROPOSAL

## COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING

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### 1) PURPOSES

- a) To provide practical support for Ventnor's extensive and varied third sector organisations and their engagement with the future development of the town.
- b) To advise on sources of appropriate funding for their operations and activities and assist with the preparation of related bids for them.
- c) To respond positively to requests for assistance ranging from advice on organisational structures and practices to practical involvement in the administration of particular projects.
- d) To develop and maintain a database of third sector organisation as the essential resource for continuing communication and co-operation.

### 2) THE THIRD SECTOR

- a) The initial stage of the town council's community engagement strategy not only revealed the surprisingly large number of voluntary and community organisations among a population of little over 6,000 but also demonstrated an encouraging enthusiasm to engage with the town council.
- b) Of the 65 organisations invited to one or other of the two community engagement meetings, 51 were represented by a total of 85 residents. The full list of currently identified third sector organisations active in the town is attached as Appendix A.

### 3) PAST PRACTICE

- a) In the past, though not for the last two years, Ventnor Town Council's assistance to the town's third sector has taken the form of a grants programme with a Budget provision ranging from £5,000-£10,000 open to organisations through a bidding process allocated by a Grants Committee.
- b) The requirements for bidding organisations to be able to submit an established constitution and annual accounts has tended to favour the better and/or longer established groups.
- c) The other significant weakness of such a process is that the assistance provided is not sustainable for any organisation if the requirement of fair distribution is complied with.

### 4) PROPOSAL

- a) To establish a one-year, 20-hour a week post tasked with capacity building within the town's third sector and deliver the purposes identified in 1) above.
- b) Recruitment would be from those with a community development background including experience of accessing external funding.

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- c) The postholder would be line managed directly by the Town Clerk with support from the informal community engagement group constituted as a Working Group of the Town Council.

## 5) FUNDING

- a) The anticipated costs of the project are set out in the following table:

ITEM	COST (£)	NOTES
SALARY	12,000	JNC Scale pt 9 + ENI
RECRUITMENT	200	CP Advert + relevant websites
LAPTOP	600	Including Windows 7
WORK STATION	200	Desk and accessories
TRAVEL	200	10 miles a week at 40p per mile
STATIONERY + PRINT	300	£25 a month
TELECOMS	300	£25 a month
ROOM HIRE	600	£50 a month
MISCELLANEOUS	600	£50 a month
TOTAL	15,000	

- b) The project would be funded by a provision of £15,000 within the Budget.

Bonchurch Community Association  
Bonchurch Social Club  
Bonchurch Village Singers  
Boxing Club  
Friends of Ventnor Library  
Guides 1st Ventnor  
Holy Trinity Church  
Hoteliers & Hospitality Group  
Industrial Archaeology Society  
Inner Wheel  
Isle of Arts (Ventnor Festivals CIC)  
IOW Natural History & Archaeological Society  
Labour Party, Ventnor & South Wight Branch  
Lions Club  
MacNaughton-Howe Arts & Crafts Festival  
Rew Valley Youth Football Club  
Rotary Club of Ventnor  
Royal British Legion, Ventnor  
Sacred Heart Church  
Scouts Group, 3rd Ventnor  
Skateboard Park  
Southwighttv  
St Boniface, Bonchurch  
St Catherine's Church  
St Lawrence Art Society  
St Lawrence Community Association  
St Lawrence Old Church  
St Lawrence Parish Church  
The Ventnor (A) Townswomen's Guild  
The Ventnorian  
Undercliff Singers  
Upper Ventnor Community Association  
Ventnor & District Crib League  
Ventnor & District Ladies Darts League  
Ventnor & District Local History Society  
Ventnor Angling & Social Club  
Ventnor Baptist Church  
Ventnor Botanic Gardens Friends Society  
Ventnor Bowling Club  
Ventnor Business Association  
Ventnor Carnival Committee  
Ventnor Community Projects (Community Cafe)  
+Ventnor Cricket Club  
Ventnor Diabetic Support Group  
Ventnor District Rings League  
Ventnor Dolls House Club  
Ventnor Enhancement Fund  
Ventnor Film Society  
Ventnor Flower Arrangement Club  
Ventnor Folk Club  
Ventnor Fringe Festival  
Ventnor Golf Club  
Ventnor Horticultural Society  
Ventnor Music For Fun Festival  
Ventnor Permaculture Group  
Ventnor Retired & Professional Business Club  
Ventnor Rugby Club  
Ventnor Social Club  
Ventnor Spiritualist Church  
Ventnor Table Tennis Club, Secretary  
Ventnor Tennis Club  
Ventnor Theatre Group  
Ventnor Together  
Ventnor Women's Institute  
Ventnor Yacht & Sailing Club