



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Press Release

COUNCIL CHAMPIONS CONSULTATION

Sandown Town Council are working with local IW Councillors to **agree** full consultation and communication regarding potential proposals for the future of Dinosaur Island, as part of an on-going development of Sandham Gardens and the surrounding area.

Town Mayor Gary Young said 'We have written to the Regeneration Team, highlighting the interest of stakeholders, and the need for any development to balance the needs of Tourism, which has been prioritised in recent consultations, and the wider community'.

Town and County Councillors Cllr Andre, Brading and Ward all spoke at the Town Council meeting, on 24th February, highlighting their commitment to ensuring residents would have the opportunity to be fully involved in the process, and supported residents demands to secure inward investment for the Town, citing the improvements in Sandham Gardens as an example of working in partnership with major companies.

Deputy Mayor Paul Brading added 'The Town and County Council recognise the need to listen to the views of local residents, and we have asked for a future meeting of the Cabinet to be held in Sandown to enable as much engagement as is possible, given the commercial sensitivities of this type of initiative'.

Mayor Young concluded 'The Town have pressed for investment for years, investment that enriches the assets and public realm, as well as providing much needed employment for local people, as well as stimulates the economy of the Town'.



Picture L-R Sandown Mayor Gary Young, Cllr Brading, Cllr Humby, Cllr Andre, and Cllr Ward

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