

SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

APRIL 2019

Public Consultation

In January 2019, the Town Council held a public consultation weekend to enable residents to see the breakdown of the proposed budget for 2019/20 budget and how money is spent on the town's facilities. It was an opportunity for the council to find out the views of residents priorities for the future but despite the event being well publicised, the turnout was around 3% of the electorate. The main issues raised by residents were regarding parking / highways, the beach, public toilets and recreation facilities. Parking and Highways are under the responsibility of the Isle of Wight Council and the overall consensus was agreement for the toilet refurbishments to be funded through the precept and VAT refund.

The Isle of Wight Council also attended the weekend, to discuss the Eastern Bay Regeneration Plan.

2019/20 Budget

	£
Expenditure (includes £100,000 towards toilets)	373,146.00
Less income	<u>31000.00</u>
Total	342,446.00
Less I W Council grant	<u>2859.00</u>
Budget	<u>£339,587.00</u>

The full budget for 2019/20 can be found on the Town Council website

www.sandowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Services and Facilities

Our budget has to cover all the Town Council's responsibilities which include

- The Broadway Centre -
- The administration of the business of the Town Council.
- Recreation at Sandham Gardens: Skatepark/ MUGA / 2 playgrounds.
- Los Altos grass cutting.
- Public Toilets at Yaverland, St John's and Eastern Gardens.
- Remembrance Service and War Memorial.
- Beach litter removal, lifeguard provision, Seaside Award, paying one third costs of the revetment lighting.
- Supporting the work of Green Towns
- Providing the Christmas tree and grants to local organisations and events including contributing towards the costs of the fireworks.

Allocation of VAT Refund

Steven Jenkins playground	30,584.00
Towards toilet refurbishment	100,000.00
Fund for skatepark	23000.00
	<u>£153,584.00</u>

The Isle of Wight Council Eastern Bay Regeneration Plan can be viewed on

<https://iwightinvest.com/regeneration-prospectus/eastern-bay-regeneration-vision/>

Small Grants

The Town Council recently approved payment of grants to :

Sandown and Lake Youth Football Club – towards new steps for their club portacabin	£336
Sandown and Shanklin Military Band- commissioning towards a piece of music	£500
The Common Space – Marquee for Hullabaloo	£3000
Jigsaw Family Support for outreach in Sandown for 8 weeks	£800

Sandown Community Kids

The Town Council are sending ‘Official Greetings’ to the Chelsea Pensioners via the Sandown Community Kids when they visit the Royal Hospital and it is hoped that the Chelsea Pensioners will visit Sandown later in the year.

Playground

The Steven Jenkins (Rainbow) playground refurbishment has now been completed. A new large multi play unit and replacement mushrooms have been provided from a grant from Morrison’s in tandem with ISG Construction and fundraising by the Jenkins family will provide an all-inclusive roundabout, which will be installed in May.

Over the past year the Town Council has paid over £75,000 for repairs, new surfacing, new rainbow benches and picnic tables, new bins, replacement gates, signs and two replacement multi play units from the refunded VAT money - photos below.

These combined efforts have provided the children with a fantastic playground, fit for purpose again and a facility the town can be proud of.

The Town Council will be arranging an official opening day with some fun for the children, after the final equipment is installed.



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