



## SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

### **PUBLIC REALM (PROJECTS) WORKING PARTY MEETING – 31 JANUARY 2023**

- 1.1. Members agreed that Cllr A Lightfoot would be lead member/Chairperson for the group, but all members would continue to contribute to feedback at Full Council Meetings.
- 1.2. Present: Cllrs P Lightfoot, A Lightfoot, Baldry, Fletcher, Hicks and Jon Gilbey (Danfo)
- 1.3. Members thanked Jon for attending and congratulated him on New Years Honours Award.
- 1.4. Members updated on Eastern Gardens, with contractors on site later in the day regarding the fencing required by the Police.
- 1.5. Facility should be fully able to open before Easter, with existing facilities still open.
- 1.6. Adjustments regarding the contactless system when fully opened.
- 1.7. Members discussed possible accessible initiative at location, which may require a level of match funding, and follows Blue Flag success and the investment made by the Town Council at the location.
- 1.8. Members also discussed other additional use of the location by Beach safety service, and this is included in possible way forward, together with a supported grant application.
- 1.9. Members noted the reduction in vandalism at St John's, and Clerk would circulate details of Sharps on site, which also impacts at Yaverland and Eastern Gardens.
- 1.10. Members noted the recent inspection at Yaverland and the issues with drainage, and the longer-term solution contained in the Budget.
- 1.11. Members noted that removal of the urinals in the Gents may reduce issues in the short term, with other short measures alleviating to ongoing problems including signage regarding grey waste.
- 1.12. Members are aware of the need for the site following discussion with Sandown Sprint, IWC requests during cycling event, and during other events.
- 1.13. Members discussed the issues at Pier Street and possible solutions if regeneration is further delayed, with Regatta and New Year events being planned.
- 1.14. Mr Gilby left meeting
- 1.15. Members discussed Health and Safety work undertaken at Skatepark and provision for repairs contained in Budget, and longer-term provision with contractors.
- 1.16. RECOMMENDATIONS:
  - i) THAT the urinals at Yaverland be removed
  - ii) THAT signage advising disposal of grey waste is blocking drains