



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

DERELICT BUILDINGS WORKING PARTY MEETING 13 APRIL 2026

1.1. Present: Cllrs Liam Cregg (Chair), Leon Girling, Ian Boyd, Paddy Lightfoot

Also in attendance: Jennifer Armstrong (Clerk/RFO) and Raine Elliss (Deputy Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Alex Lightfoot

Ocean Hotel Seafront Redevelopment Area

- 1.2. Officers had visited the site and reported a flytipping, rubble and a large amount of undergrowth and vegetation.
- 1.3. Options for how best to clear the site were being explored with different contractors suggesting different approaches.
- 1.4. Cllr Boyd was asked to assist with actions required in relation to wildlife on the site as the delays to completion meant works would need to be undertaken in late Spring/Early summer rather than the winter as initially planned.
- 1.5. Cllr Girling suggest it was important to keep residents informed on progress and steps as on the surface it did not appear any actions were bring taken. The Clerk would look into how this could best be communicated but noted that it was a controversial site and this may need to wait until after the pre-election period.

Consultation

- 1.6. The online survey had been set up and would be launched once the pre-election period was over.

Neglect

- 1.7. Due to other priorities then project had not been progressed by councillors or officers but remained on the workplan for action as soon as capacity became available.

Community Benefit Society

- 1.8. There was general agreement that based on initial feedback from the Community Development Lead that it was too soon for a CBS scheme to work in Sandown and more work was needed at grassroots level.
- 1.9. There was a briefing scheduled with the CBL on 27 April 2026 which would help establish the best approach.

Highstreet Rental Auctions

- 1.10. Since the project had been proposed the majority of the empty units had been let and the window for funding applications had closed.