



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

DERELICT BUILDINGS WORKING PARTY MEETING 2 MARCH 2026

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

Also in attendance: Cllrs Debbie Andre, Gary Young, Jennifer Armstrong (Clerk/RFO) and Stephen Partridge (Deputy Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Ian Boyd

Ocean Hotel Seafront Redevelopment Area

1.2. Further told documentation had been provided to the Solicitor on request, but no further update has been received.

1.3. Contractors has been contacted to quote for cutting back the hedges and clearing the site. Contractors had advised until the site could be accessed it would not be possible to quote for the latter.

Consultation

1.4. Members discussed the public consultation event due to be held after the Annual Town Meeting on the 9 March.

1.5. A display clearly showing the site in both plan and satellite view would be set-up in the hall.

1.6. Attendees would be split into four groups and asked to brain-storm four topics: hoarding, activities, community space and blue sky out the box.

1.7. These would then be put on display boards and stickers used for attendees to vote for those they support.

1.8. A community engagement plan would be developed at the next working party to be held on the 2 March 2025.

Neglect

1.9. Members discussed the need for letters of support in relation to Neglect in Sandown from key Island stakeholders to strengthen a submission to the Isle of Wight Council and other relevant bodies.

1.10. The letter requested, preferably on headed paper, would:

- Acknowledges the current disrepair and vacancies
- Highlights the impact on residents, businesses, and visitors
- Supports investment, regeneration, and collaborative action

1.11. The draft document included a list of potential stake holders which was extended to include the third sector, the IOW Chamber of Commerce, and Visit Isle of Wight.