



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

DERELICT BUILDINGS WORKING PARTY MEETING 27 JANUARY 2026

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

Also in attendance: Cllrs Frank Baldry, Joan Solomon, Ian Ward, Gary Young, Julian Wadsworth, Jennifer Armstrong (Clerk/RFO) and Lorraine Elliss (Deputy Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Liam Cregg.

Ocean Hotel Seafront Redevelopment Area

- 1.2. The Town Council had won the bid for the site. Solicitors had been instructed and the purchase was being progressed. Completion was estimated to take place in 20 days.
- 1.3. The winning bid was for £100k. There were also legal and other costs associated with purchasing land to take into account but no stamp duty as it was below the threshold.
- 1.4. Access to the site would be confirmed when the title deeds were received. It was believed there was an easement across the carpark end of the sight.
- 1.5. Clarification was provided that Section 215 notices were issued against owners rather than sites and the pre-existing order would need to be reissued if any part of it applied to the site. Details of the order had been provided with the purchase documents.
- 1.6. The next steps were discussed with quotes to be obtained for clearing the site in preparation for taking ownership.
- 1.7. The best way to screen the building behind were also discussed with members agreeing and 8-foot marine grade hoarding would also allow for an art installation or project similar to the no barriers project in Cowes¹.
- 1.8. Members also noted the two remembrance benches, belonging to the town council, on the seafront could be relocated.
- 1.9. A community engagement plan would be developed at the next working party to be held on the 2 March 2025.
- 1.10. The plan would be launched with the initial engagement exercise launched would begin at the Annual Town Meeting which would be held on 9 March 2026.
- 1.11. Members agreed Council should explore the powers around compulsory purchase orders and noted this was on the agenda for the next council meeting.
- 1.12. The Clerk will also reach out to the owner of the end plots once the title were available.

¹ <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nobarriers/>

1.13. Cllr Ward advised members that it was expected that the Tourism restriction on seafront hotels would be eased in the updated Island Plan and as such applications were being taken for mixed use.

Community Benefit Society

1.14. The next steps to develop the society would be taken through the Spring.

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