



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

YOUNG FUTURES WORKING PARTY MEETING 23 MARCH 2026

- 1.1. Present: Cllrs Alex Lightfoot (Chair) Ian Boyd and Liam Cregg.
Apologies from Debbie Andre

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

Zoom Call: Zoe Thompson (John Cattle Skate Club), Alistar Gleeson

Town Hall

- 1.2. The programme continued to be well received.

PlayZone

- 1.3. Members were updated on issues with vandalism to the CCTV and misuse of the facility resulting potentially damaging antisocial behaviour.
- 1.4. An “official” launch event was being arranged for after the elections. Details would be forwarded when the event was confirmed.
- 1.5. QR signs and booking signage would be produced.

Lighting

- 1.6. The lighting onsite had been replaced positive feedback received from site users.

Outreach Space

- 1.7. Following Council approval the budget envelope, a meeting was held with the Bay Youth Project and requirements for the base established. Work was beginning on a design to inform procurement.

School Crossing Patrol

- 1.8. The budget allocation to support a school crossing patrol on the Broadway was discussed. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the school and the PTA regarding the ask if they planned to take advantage of the monies to deliver a service.

Skate Park

- 1.9. A zoom meeting was held with John Cattle Skate Club and the designer who would be developing the initial designs to inform the budget and consultation.
- 1.10. The designer had been involved with the redevelopment of Ryde and Ventnor Skate Parks on the Island, and had hands on experience of both the design and the construction process.
- 1.11. Initial research had indicated heavy usage by BMX and Scooter riders as well as other wheeled users.
- 1.12. Reference was made to the Skate GB Skateparks Audit.
- 1.13. The Key design points discussed included:
 - Retaining the height of the current ramps
 - Using slopes to avoid straight drops
 - Concreting the whole site to accommodate phased development if required.
 - Introducing a beginner's area, as part of the main build or as a second phase which could be used for training ramps prior to development.
 - The area would not be fenced.
 - Lighting posts could be moved.
 - The design would ensure there were no areas which would encourage antisocial behaviours.
- 1.14. The boundary was confirmed with attendees noting it could be extended to the front path.