SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

THRIVING COMMUNITIES WORKING PARTY MEETING
9 DECEMBER 2025 (9:30 AM)

1.1. Present: Cllrs Joan Solomon (Chair)

Also in attendance: Jennifer Armstrong (Clerk/RFO)

Community Safety Partnership

1.2. The Community Safety Officer (CSO) had provided further detail in relation to the Town Council funding additional resource which also addressed the questions raised by Council in it last meeting.

1.3. The information included how officers would liaise internally, the job profile, starting grade, what would be covered by contributions, the likelihood of Ryde and Newport contributing, and how information would be reported back to the Town Council.

1.4. The information was forwarded to the Town Clerk to circulate to all councillors

1.5. The JPAG meeting had been delayed until the New Year and as such there was no updates.

Workstreams

1.6. The committees short-term goals were discussed:

Eastern Gardens Viewing Platform

1.7. The Viewing Platform had been identified as a potential location for another murals. Quotes were currently being obtained to repair the render and repaint as part of the building's general maintenance.

1.8. The Town Clerk had reached out to community murals for indicative costs for the committee to bring forward a proposal to Council.

Decorating windows

1.9. The Planning Enforcement Officer had advised that it would be a matter for the Council to approach individual owners regarding vinyl. The ownership information could be obtained as part of the High Street rental auction project and a letter drafted to obtain permission and sent from the office.

1.10. Once permissions were obtained the project could be properly scoped and priced.

Medium term goals:

1.11. A request to work with the Police on arranging an evening a Beat Surgery at the Broadway Centre. Officers were working to accommodate this. Once scheduled the Chair would attend where possible.

Long term projects:

1.12. The need for some research into working with existing HMOs in relation to integration and investigating social support was needed. Looking at best practice and what worked in other areas could inform how this work was progressed.

New Projects

Phone Box Library

1.13. The Community Library Phone Box project had progressed with the adoption of the kiosk and decommissioning complete. The arrangements to resite the unit and begin refurbishment were also underway.

1.14. It was agreed that the Working Party would look at the next steps: cataloguing the books, how these could be best displayed, seeking donations for any missing genres and replacing stock, signage (how it works and acknowledging those supporting the project and publicising the initiative including a launce event.

1.15. A plan would be drawn up to take this forward.

Resilience Project

1.16. Following the increase in capacity in the staffing team and building of the storage unit, officers would be looking to take the resilience project forward in the spring.

1.17. It was agreed it would be appropriate for the working party to support this work liaising with volunteers, building support networks and making recommendations to council regarding and matters requiring a council decision.

Dore Exhibition

1.18. A project had come forward to house an exhibition of the works of James Door at the centre.

1.19. The Clerk, under delegated authority could authorise the aspects relating to the centre and a contribution of £500 had been agreed from the Place Plan Budget by the Mayor.

1.20. However, the project would need a delivery vehicle, which the working party would be happy to facilitate as the lead member for the project, Cllr Mikich was a member of the party.