SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

THRIVING COMMUNITIES WORKING PARTY MEETING
13 OCTOBER 2026 (10:30 AM)

1.1. Present: Cllrs Joan Solomon (Chair), Leon Girling and Paddy Lightfoot.

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

1.2. Members met to discuss the proposed workplan, receive updates where relevant and assign actions.

Community Hub

1.3. A High street location has been sourced for the hub, helping to rebuild grassroots activity in the town and strengthen community capacity, as well as offering accessible space for partnership working.

1.4. Members were updated that Clerk is finalising agreement with landlord and community action have completed interviews for the vacancies

Community Vegetable Planters.

1.5. The Planters have been installed at centre ready for planting to be managed by Warms Spaces and other community groups. Councillor Debbie Andre has taken over as Church warden and is using produce in warm spaces meals. *This project can be archived as complete.*

Phone Box

1.6. The Phone Box had been installed at the Broadway Centre. A Press release has been completed. *This project can be archived as complete.*

Community Benefit Society

1.7. Since the initial meeting was held only one further expression of interest has been received and a total of 4 people express an interest.

1.8. The Council website has been updated accordingly *This project can be archived as complete.*

The following projects, members agreed to postpone this project due to current Town and Culture commitments and limited officer capacity.

1.9. *The projects will be revisited when resources and capacity become available. The last updated notes for these projects can be found on the notes from the 18 August 2026.*

- Community Post Office
- Engagement with Police.
- Planet Aware and Butt Bin
- Health Alliance/ Neighbourhood Research Coordinator

- Health and Wellbeing Board
- HMOs
- JAG
- Photo Wall
- Resilience Project
- Solutions for Yaverland Vehicle ABS
- Yaverland Memorial.
- Mental Health – (New Work Stream)