SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

THRIVING COMMUNITIES/TOWN CENTRE REVIVAL WORKING PARTY MEETING
27 OCTOBER 2025 (5:30 PM)

1.1. Present: Cllrs Ian Boyd, Paddy Lightfoot, Tracy Mikich and Joan Solomon.

Also in attendance: Jennifer Armstrong (Clerk/RFO)

Chair

1.2. Members unanimously nominated Cllr Solomon, who accepted, to Chair the Thriving Communities working party (TCWP).

1.3. Members unanimously nominated Cllr Boyd, who accepted, to Chair the Town Centre Revival Working Party (TCRWP).

Meetings

1.4. The Thriving Communities Working Party would meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am.

1.5. The Town Centre Revival Working Party would meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am.

Workstreams

1.6. Different potential projects were discussed with members agreeing each working party should agree a work plan/streams to be delivered over the next three years. Members would propose projects before inclusion before the next meeting so they could be collated and a plan adopted.

Actions

1.7. Both working parties requested an up-to-date neglect case to inform their workplans.

1.8. Both working parties expressed an interest in taking forward a project to improve the appearance of empty shop windows on the high street. Cllr Mikich would reach out to the owners she could and obtain contact details for the council to formally request permission if they were open to the project.

1.9. The TCWP requested an update be obtained on the Sandham Middle site.

1.10. Both Groups wished to review parking data to assess parking capacity.

1.11. Anti-social behaviour was discussed and the importance of a holistic approach between partners and other agencies. Members noted that while there was an Isle of Wight Community Safety Partnership, whose remit tackle, prevent and reduce

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crime and anti-social behaviour, they did not engage with the Town Council. Cllr Solomon would reach contact the lead officer and invite to work with working parties.

1.12. Cllr Lightfoot would advise on the planned place plan mural locations.

1.13. The Clerk would continue to work on potential transfer/lease of seafront shelters and southern water viewing platform.

1.14. The Clerk would provide draft a briefing note on the towns Decorative Lighting as it was now fully depreciated and in need of repair.

1.15. The Clerk would prepare of list of the Town Council assets in the Public Realm.