



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN CENTRE REVIVAL WORKING PARTY MEETING 18 NOVEMBER 2025 (10:00 AM)

1.1. Present: Cllrs Ian Boyd (Chair) and Paddy Lightfoot

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

Christmas

1.2. The Working Party explored the current activities undertaken by the Town Council in relation to Christmas (school project, tree, lighting, carol service) and the need for anything undertaken by the Town Council to compliment activities in town such as the Christmas Fun Day.

1.3. While noting that Christmas was historically an Events Working Party scheme members were reminded working party meetings were open to all councillors and any member could put forward suggestions.

1.4. The possibility of sourcing funding to reinstate the Chrstitmas Garden at Battery Gardens was also discussed.

High Street Rental Auctions

1.5. Members were updated on the application to access HM Land Registry E-Services to begin work on the High Street rental Auctions project. The application should be processed no later than 27 November 2025.

Pier Street

1.6. Consideration was given to if looking at developers to partner would be practical. However, it was agreed that, given the history of the site, this should be left until a confirmed way forward had been agreed with the Isle of Wight Council.

Ocean Hotel

1.7. Discussion took place around how the Ocean Hotel frontage could be improved. The Clerk would pick this up again with Planning Enforcement as permission would be needed.

Investment Areas

1.8. Members discussed grouping areas geographically to ensure a thematic approach was taken to delivering projects rather than each site/asset being treated in isolation. For example, Yaverland, Culver Parade and Sandham Grounds all sat adjacent to the Browns and International School of Rewilding Site and would benefit from a cohesive approach.

1.9. The Clerk would look into obtaining a map from the Isle of Wight Council clearly showing the land they held which along with Town Council land would help form a clearer picture of the Public Realm.

Workstreams

- 1.10. Cllr Lightfoot advised he was working on a document which could inform a 4 year plan on which workstreams could be based.

Next meeting

- 1.11. There would be no meeting in December. The next meeting was scheduled for February 2026 but any discussions between members during this period would be passed to officers.