



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

EVENTS WORKING PARTY MEETING 3 MARCH 2026 (09:30 AM)

1.1. Present: Cllrs Joan Soloman, Frank Baldry.

Also In attendance: Reverend Mark Williams and Deputy Clerk.

1.2. The next Meeting would be held on Tuesday April 7 at 9:30am (Joan Soloman sends her apologies in advance)

Easter 2026 Shop Window

1.3. The High Street Easter Shop Window Competition is well supported, with many businesses taking part and decorating their windows for the spring holiday. Last year's winner, *Make it Wight*, currently holds the 2025 award – the Heather Humby Glass Drop. Deputy Clerk will collect this award Wednesday 4 March 2026 in readiness for this year's winner.

1.4. Cllr Joan Soloman has copies of the Competition Entry Form which will be distributed during the week commencing **2 March 2026**.

1.5. It was agreed that public judging would take place during the week commencing **23 March 2026**, with Cllrs Joan Soloman and Frank Baldry, along with rev Mark Williams meeting on **Wednesday, 25 March at 12:00 noon outside the Library** to complete the judging. The winners will be reported to Deputy Clerk who will arrange a press release.

Football – Playzone 2 G opening event

1.6. Members will be updated on an opening event to invite and a minor celebrity football personality to attend. This is being arranged by Richard Priest and Deputy Clerk will keep members informed of the event date.

National Reading Project 2026

1.7. Deputy Clerk updated members that funding has been awarded from the following parishes for their allocated Primary school: Wroxall, Shanklin, Lake and Sandown. Havenstreet and Ashley are committing but a school is yet to be confirmed.

1.8. The Deputy Clerk is working with Jean Joans (Winner of the National reading volunteer award in recognition of its importance, this project outlines how town and parish councils can contribute meaningfully to this national focus by funding and supplying book bags to local primary schools. The Deputy Clerk will keep members updated of the projects progress.

Anzac Day

- 1.9. Members have committed to attending and laying a wreath for ANZAC Day. A wreath has been ordered and is available in the STC office. The service will take place on Saturday, 25th April at 10:50 a.m. at the Sandown Cenotaph, with Rev Williams, The Mayor along with Cllr Ward and Cllr Baldry will be in attendance. The Deputy Clerk will also be in attendance and details will be published on STC website and face book page.
- 1.10. Cllr Joan Soloman gave a update on "Town of Culture" application, she was working on with Cllr Tracy Mikich. A meeting to establish and generate ideas has taken place. Cllr Soloman is to complete The Expression of Interest requires 400 words. Cllr J Soloman will keep members updated.

Meeting closed at 10:30