



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC REALM ASSETS & COMMUNICATIONS WORKING PARTY MEETING 24 APRIL 2023

- 1.1. Present: Cllrs P Lightfoot, A Lightfoot, F Baldry, I Ward & I Fletcher.
In attendance: Clerk, RFO & Admin Officer
- 1.2. Members discussed confirmation that Sandown Town Council's application for Changing Place Funding had been accepted, and the project would be taken forward through the working Party.
- 1.3. Matched funding would be required for part of the contribution, with the location being at Eastern Gardens, linking with wider Accessibility of the area and beach, linking with accessible beach wheelchairs, new toilets, and grant funds for mat.
- 1.4. Clerks would include update in report for May Town Council meeting, and circulate more details once received, together with identifying matched funding.
- 1.5. Members noted discussions for Christmas Funday, utilising Public Realm Assets, and that the Christmas Event was being developed, members would propose freeing up resource to support the initiative in line with arrangements for the Big Picnic, with £1,000 identified to support the Christmas project subject to further details.
- 1.6. Members discussed the new Toilets at Eastern Gardens, with income around £70 a week (representing around 350 users a week, not including Radar key users, etc) and that a recommendation to increase charging to 50p for July and August to coincide with Beach Safety Service and Showering Facilities, would be taken to May Council meeting.
- 1.7. Members discussed possible contributions to the forthcoming 'Guide' and communicating projects delivered, and planned in 2023.
- 1.8. Members discussed possible options at Pier Street subject to IWC clarifying the position regarding Economic Regeneration of the site, and also taking forward Yaverland replacement – members noted initial exchange of correspondence with PWLB and the success of the Sandown Sprint, and the ongoing issues experienced at Yaverland.
- 1.9. Members noted that internal audit's were currently in hand, and once completed would free up capacity to progress Yaverland project through Working Party.
- 1.10. Members noted progress of Blue Flag application with embargoed result due before the end of April.
- 1.11. Members noted submission of an expression of interest for Sandham Grounds project, and once confirmation or further details received members will be updated.

- 1.12. Members discussed timings of lights for summer season, and were updated on delays for hanging baskets, and other projects, involving Island Roads.
- 1.13. Members were updated on repairs at Sandham Grounds, with ongoing damage to safety matting near zip wire, and arrangements to make safe.
- 1.14. Members noted recent High Street Task Force meeting and linking workplan of the working parties with these projects.