



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

EVENTS WORKING PARTY MEETING – 14 JANUARY 2025 (10:30am)

- 1.1. Present: Cllr F Baldry, Cllr J Hicks, and Cllr I Ward.

In attendance: Reverend Mark Williams (Christ Church) Clerk, RFO and Administration Assistant

- 1.2. Members noted arrangements for VE Day 80 events are 'works in progress' as they are dependent on other organisations.

VE Day at 80

- 1.3. Rev Williams outlined the Order of Service for the Commemorative Service to be held on Sunday 4 May 2025, starting at 10.50am to allow for 2 minutes silence at 11am;
- 1.4. Cllr Ward and Cllr Baldry will read the Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph;
- 1.5. Sandown and Shanklin Military Band will play before, during and after the service, with possibility of specially written piece;
- 1.6. Rt Reverend Jonathan Frost (Bishop of Portsmouth) will be attending;
- 1.7. Isle of Wight Lord Lieutenant will be attending service;
- 1.8. Christ Church volunteers will provide refreshments;
- 1.9. Information Panels (in Broadway Centre), to be developed with Sandown & Shanklin Military Band, Carnival Association, and Sandown and Shanklin In-Shore Lifeboat to be unveiled by Lord Lieutenant;
- 1.10. Information Panel for Christ Church Commonwealth War Graves, to be unveiled by Bishop Jonathan;
- 1.11. Town Council to contact the Royal British Legion regarding possibility of Standards and their involvement;
- 1.12. Invitations to former Mayors and Shanklin & Lake Council, as well as other guests, including MP and Chair of Isle of Wight Council (members noted need for clarity regarding elections planned for Thursday 1 May 2025);
- 1.13. Jenn outlined budget provision to support the small event;
- 1.14. Raine outlined timescales for Mug Design project with local school, with designs to be displayed in the library, and possibility of working with Shanklin/Lake Councillors on similar project;
- 1.15. Initial discussions with Military Vehicle Organisation regarding a small 'parade' in line with that held in Sandown on 8 May 1945 – starting at War Memorial and ending at Shanklin Royal

British Legion, with Lord Lieutenant laying wreaths, and bulb planting by 80 individuals – working with Lake and Shanklin Councils as part of Bay wide project.

- 1.16. Members also noted other possible events at Bembridge Fort and Shanklin Chine;
- 1.17. Members also discussed school designing flag for VJ Day in August 2025 and involvement of TWG in planting commemorative bush/shrub in Garden;
- 1.18. Members discussed future events including Easter shop window display, 2025 Remembrance and Christmas Events with Church and Military Band;
- 1.19. Members noted email from Ventnor Exchange and more details would be circulated once received;
- 1.20. Jenn outlined details of current projects, including Los Altos, Sandham Grounds, and other projects;
- 1.21. Raine updated members on budget provision for Warm Spaces if IWC/Government Funding changed;
- 1.22. Rev Williams and members feedback on 2024 Remembrance, Armistice Day and Christmas events.

Meeting closed at 11.15.