



The
Sandgate
Society

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

NOTES From

Agenda for 11 May 2026

13 April 2026 meeting at 1600

1600

1.0

Attendees

Heidi Bailey
Vicky Feaver
Eddie Grimble
Sal Kenward
Kevin Roberts
Rosie Sanders
Liz Smith
Lizzie Smith
Giles Topping
Leigh Chambers

Tim Prater
Guy Valentine-Neale

Apologies

Steve Blunt

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2.0

Archives

Tim and Guy were thanked for attending to talk through the recent changes to the running of the Archives and answer any questions.

There was ongoing correspondence with John Barrett which will be addressed and finalised at the next Trustee meeting.

Rosie mentioned artefacts which may have been kept at the Folkestone Library which may be useful to Sandgate.

Kevin the curator at the Hythe Museum may be a useful link.

Audio captions to rolling displays could be considered.

(After the meeting Tim sent some very useful links through concerning artefacts at Shorncliffe which will be followed up).

Sal to pass through

	The publication given to us for printing, Sandgate Timeline, is being returned to Peter Chamberlain as it had been given to us in error and was his own intellectual property. The meeting was very positive about the future - take it slowly and get it right. It was hoped to have the front half of the building ready for exhibits by the summer holidays. It would also be good to have a laptop for the public to use for research and printed copies of documents could be made available (at a cost). Liz has a pamphlet which she is passing over for us to look at from a similar enterprise.	Liz to pass over.
3.0	Committee & Previous Minutes The previous Minutes were reviewed and agreed. These were signed off and will be sent for publishing on the website.	
4.0	Events The Easter coffee morning was a great success with the good choice of food, the raffle and the quiz. Eddie will confirm final figures but £84 was banked on the day. Leigh's talk on Tying Up Loose Ends attracted outstanding reviews and should be considered for a repeat. Having a round (square) table format with maximum of 15 was best format. Upcoming events to be circulated will be: Quiz on 18 April. This will be the last quiz for a long time as there are a surfeit in pubs – our usual teams aren't booking as they are "quizzed out". Pubs are also giving large cash prizes as incentives which are more attractive than fund raising events. Canterbury Cathedral tour by Ann Sinfeld, entrance to be paid (about £15) tour free. Maximum of 20 people. There is an organ recital first. Cheese & wine at Sandgate Deli – numbers to be confirmed.	Events Consider a summer coffee morning as a fund raiser?

6.0	Planning 37 The Crescent. LB consent for replacement of render, repainting of exterior surfaces & installation of wood burning stove within existing fireplace. 26/0168/FH Willow Court, Enbrook Road, Sandgate, CT20 3NU Determination as to whether the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority is required under schedule 2, part 20 - class A (General permitted development order 2015) for the erection of one storey extension on top of the existing building, to accommodate 4 no self-contained dwellings. Consultation deadline date: 27/2/2026 S.105 is on Military Road – not a lot of movement at present.	
7.0	Parish Council Susan Claris has agreed to be our link and will either attend in person or send in a monthly report if any news. Her update for this meeting is: 1. Planning for the Sandgate Sea Festival is well underway. 2. Community Speedwatch monitoring has started in the 20mph zone (the Police rules are that you have to wait for 3 months after the introduction of a scheme to start doing Speedwatch). 3. DEFRA will be in touch about the application for the beach at Granville Parade to be designated as a Bathing Water. DEFRA's consultation on this ran until 23 March and it is understood that their intention is to make an announcement ahead of the bathing season (which formally starts for everyone else except Vicky) on 15 May according to DEFRA).	

8.0	Social Media & Communications The Geoffrey Edmunds plaque is back in Sandgate and a reciprocal plaque has been sent to Lincolnshire to go on the original bench. It is hoped they will visit Sandgate. The website is nearly ready to go live, with the hosting of the Archive section being transferred from Red Dragon to us.	Social Media & Communications Lizzie to check with Bryan this has happened.
9.0	Environment & Sustainability The Big Green Fair has 41 stalls, 10 speakers, outside workshops such as Tai Chi and 2 authors. Although the Council have given a grant and were to be represented, they have been let down by volunteers and will not have a stall. The food hub lady also withdrew and more environmental outlets are being sought. Tea and cake are being provided by the church ladies. There is a picnic area and a drop off point for ROKA.	Environment & Sustainability SEA to send email for Vicky to send out for volunteers and for extra sponsorship.
10.0	Treasurer We are having a smart meter installed on 25 June! All monies are coming in from membership and events and, even with the roofing works, there will be enough in the accounts to cope with any building works required. The Ombudsman found in our favour but we still need to pay for the electricity used with 25% discount. We are paying £100 a month for two years rather than a lump sum.	Treasurer
11.0	Membership No new members, a few not paid since January which is usual.	Membership
12.0	AOB Rosie reported on the excellent food and service given at the Royal Norfolk, with 4 sittings on Easter Sunday, even the last sitting being fresh and no pushing to leave. This proves that the RN was an excellent choice for our Business of the Year 2025.	

	Leigh reported that the pot holes in Wellington Place are now the subject of a residents’ group with a cost in the region of £40,000. Half the road is private and half public. The Committee are happy starting the meetings at 1600 in future so this will stay.							
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