	The Sandgate Society	**COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**
		Agenda for 9 November 2026
	5 October 2026 meeting at 1600	**1600**
1.0	**Attendees** Heidi Bailey Sal Kenward Liz Smith Eddie Grimble Leigh Chambers Rosie Sanders Vicky Feaver **Apologies** Steve Blunt Lizzie Smith Kevin Roberts Giles Topping	**Apologies for November** Vicky Feaver
2.0	**Committee & Previous Minutes** The previous Minutes were reviewed and agreed. These were signed off and will be sent for publishing on the website.	
3.0	**OFS** The Shorncliffe Trust held exhibition in September, Following The Drum. Very successful and a new exhibition is being considered. The storage is moving to Garage 6 in mid-October. At that stage there will be racking and all the files in the OFS can be kept safely there. We need 3 filing cabinets in good condition now. A grant application is in to buy the garage at £35,000, and completion is now not required until after April 2027.	Committee members to source free filing cabinets. Sal to organise damp meter for garage.

4.0	**Reading Rooms** New lights were up in time for the SLF events. The lights ordered were those agreed by the Committee and give a better light to the room. No change to hirers	
5.0	**Events** SLF : All going to timetable with a lot of very positive comments on the logo, events and management. Congratulations to all involved. Le Touquet trip – originally a 49 seater, a 53 seater was given of which 48 seats taken. Next year we can go for 53 seats. Surplus made of £604. The goodie bag of water, shortbread and chocolate bars cost £58 in total, thanks to Yaps. Catherine Southon: great success, lots of interaction. Profit of £464 excluding cost of wine. Follow up of valuation event on 9-10 November in OFS or RR with promotion by SanSoc to keep the link. Tales from the Rails – 39 people signed up so far for 11 November but a lot more PR should increase numbers. Christmas party – Royal Norfolk at £35 for 2 courses. Disco will be Oli, so ticket price will be £40 including glass of fizz. Promotion after SLF. **All committee members to bring 1 bottle of alcohol and 1 other raffle prize in next 3 weeks.** Carol service book – this has been edited and will be going to the printers this week. Bingo to be held at Yaps in January. Discussion on possible American Supper model, with guests bringing their own refreshments. A form of recompense for Mark and Tracy to be decided. We will have to supply some tables, and we will organize our own machine and calling. Jolly on the Bus in January – possibly Lympne Castle or British Lion in The Bayle, Folkestone. AGM speaker 2027 : Peter Le Feuvre of the Rainbow Centre. Thanks to Vicky for making life easier for Mr Treasurer.	**Events** Sal to contact

6.0	**Planning** Main application is the planning application now submitted by the Hotel Imperial for their proposed residential and extension development. Rosie circulated pamphlets regarding the above for members to circulate. 34 Radnor Cliff – another application for building of 2 houses instead of 3. Objection has been put in by Paul Ollerenshaw and SanSoc will object. Seabrook Nature Reserve need help getting registered as green space in the Local Plan. We will support this application.	Rosie to put in objection.
7.0	**Parish Council** Solarium by Sir John Moore Memorial - two round picnic tables with benches – waiting for surface work to finish. Golden Valley Active Travel Improvements - The KCC designer will go back to SPC with proposed designs and costs of various walking improvements – there is a £20k budget for the works. Build out on the Esplanade - to make crossing the Esplanade easier by Castle Bay - this will be going to formal consultation but a crossing can go in, losing 4-5 parking spaces. Memorial Bench on the Green - this now has its full complement of plaques. A bench opposite the war memorial has been identified for replacement and will also have plaques. Water testing - all 20 tests have been undertaken and as the formal bathing season has now ended, there will be no more testing until the start of the formal bathing season next May. A brief report will be prepared on the tests. Wildflower area - a Green Grant has been applied for, to create wildflower areas in Sandgate and Fremantle Parks. The outcome is awaited. Sprucing - more sprucing is to be undertaken in the Autumn. Christmas lights event - this will now incorporate the fireworks that could not happen at the Sea Festival.	
8.0	**Social Media & Communications**	**Social Media & Communications**

	Stripe payments working, but the website needs to be more user friendly for us and members. Enough revenue has been produced to warrant investment in software to make this happen. Automatic replies to events would be a good addition, and ability to put tickets to different events in a basket before checkout could ensure minimum loss of users. Minutes are now published and the RR error fixed.	Bryan, Vicky & Sal to meet after SLF to discuss exactly what is needed.
9.0	**Environment & Sustainability** Beach clean attracted around 40 people including families, who collected a huge amount of rubbish which was reported to the Marine Conservation. A large bin was provided.	**Environment & Sustainability**
10.0	**Treasurer** £1,068 received in Gift Aid, up significantly from last year. Stripe account charges us, so we could look at rounding up charges to cover this.	**Treasurer**
11.0	**Membership** 8 new members: Tracy Millar, Eversley Park Malcolm Prince – Enbrook House Encombe Nicholas Kirtley – Sandgate Hill Claire Hammett May Bywater Ken & Mary Venables, Loxwood Radnor Cliff Crescent Alan Bushell sadly passed away on 29 September.	**Membership**
12.0	**Local Plan -** https://sandgate-pc.gov.uk/2026/09/15/folkestone-hythe-district-council-local-plan-scoping-consultation/ Folkestone & Hythe District Council is preparing a new Local Plan, which will help shape how the district develops in the years ahead. As part of the early stages of this process, they require input from local people, organisations and stakeholders to take part in the scoping consultation and how the council should engage with communities as the plan is prepared. This consultation will help understand what the new local plan is likely to cover, including: • the main themes and local issues you think the plan should address; and • how you would like us to involve you in the plan-making process.	

13.0	It will need to be completed via the consultation portal on 16th October 2026, via the online portal or at the library. The new local plan document covers 25 questions and is split into the 6 distinct section listed below. • Homes • Nature • Built environment • Community & Infrastructure • Economy • Transport Below is the link for this document to be completed https://www.folkestoneandhythelocalplan.co.uk/app/uploads/2026/09/FH-Scoping-Consultation.pdf The consultation is split into 3 sections, Gateway 1, Gateway 2 and Gateway 3. We are in Gateway 1, which ends on 16th October 2026. Gateway 2 comprises the following: • Covers plan vision, strategy development and evidence Nov 2026 – July 2027. • Consult on Local Plan content and evidence which will be a 6 week period from Sept 2027 - Oct 2027. • Preparation of the document, spatial strategy, sites, local plan map which covers Oct 2027 to Jan 2028. Gateway 3 comprises the following: • Revise a draft Local Plan from March 2028 - April 2028. • Consult on proposed Local Plan (8 weeks) May 2028 - June 2028 • Finalise submission Local Plan July 2028 – August 2028 It is envisaged that the local plan will be adopted in April 2029.	
14.0	**AOB** **a.** A rose had been given to SanSoc from Saga https://www.roses.co.uk/product/780366/the-saga-rose b. Check if/whenSaga are turning on their lights this Xmas c. Sandgate Then and Now –editing the photos. Photos need retaking, Sal redone hers, Leigh and Shirley finishing off.	PR to members. Sal to check
15.0	**Next Meeting** **9 November at 1600**	**January 11** **February 15** **March 8** **April 5** **May 10** **June 7** **July 12** **August 16 (if needed)** **September 13**

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