

WHERE WAS EVERYONE?

Admittedly, it was the first day of summer and a glorious day at that, but it was such a shame that, so few came along. This applied to both the meeting at the Centre to discuss the best approach to finding a theme to flow through the town and make Sandy Point an even more attractive place to visit, as well as at “The Raising of the Flags” outside the Lifesaving Club in the afternoon.

Nevertheless, both events went ahead despite the lack of numbers. For the meeting at the Centre in the morning, Mary Sullivan, the Arts spokes-person from the Council did turn up in plenty of time, despite the great weather, and breaking her journey down to the Prom. She chaired the meeting and soon got the ideas flowing.

She herself lives in Inverloch and knew very little about our town. However, by the end of the session she had a much better idea of what our town is all about. She was amazed that although there was a permanent population of 270, we were still able to support so many different clubs, groups and committees. In all we counted eight main groups which is not a bad total considering there are so few in the town on a regular basis.

Mary then asked us to name three things we like best about Sandy Point. Surprisingly, many of us had the same things in our lists. The top four were-: the peace and quiet, the wildlife, the beach and feeling that it was a safe place to live with little crime or vandalism.

Next, Mary suggested we tried to think of any negatives. Naturally, lack of reliable communications and the fact that we are one of the named towns as being at risk of fire which begs the question of how people are supposed to receive text messages should an emergency occur. At this point, we were joined by a party of Skateboarding enthusiasts who would love to have a skate-park in town. They had even found a possible site for it. Mary suggested that in order to get support and funding they needed to do some fund-raising themselves and show that they had a strong and serious group behind them.

The up-shot of all this was the need to get around to all the different groups and let them know where things stood. Mary was going to collate all that had been talked about and send it out to everyone in attendance. Also, over the summer, there will be a blackboard put up so that holiday-makers can also have their say.

Everyone needs to put their thinking caps on and decide how they would like to see their town portrayed.

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