



Seaford Town Council

Community Services Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the **Community Services Committee** held at **37 Church Street, Seaford** on **Thursday 21 March 2013** at **7.00 pm**.

Present: Councillors B Warren (Chairman), Councillor A White (Vice-Chairman), R Allen, A Campbell, S Dunn, A Hayder, R Scarfe, L Wallraven, I White, S Shippen, B King & D Parkes.
31 members of the public.

CS 48 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Substitute Members

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Heseltine and A Latham, Councillor I White substituted for Councillor Heseltine.

CS 49 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24 January 2013 were **AGREED** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CS 50 Public Participation

A letter from Mr Hill - who is against any new trees being planted in verges & footpaths and has concerns regarding overhanging branches. He suggested that the Tree Wardens be disbanded. He also queried whether tree wardens would also be available in the future and suggested a full Council review.

Mr Taylor - Does the Committee accept that the quality of life in Seaford is greatly enhanced by the voluntary activities of bodies such as the Crypt Management Committee, the Rotary Club and the Seaford Tree Wardens and that such bodies should be given full-hearted encouragement and support by the Town Council.

The Chairman advised that the value of volunteers was not being questioned.

Cllr Sam Adeniji - advised that other than minor injuries, the issue of trees had provided the next biggest inbox from residents. Planting trees has a benefit to Seaford he referred to 1.6 of report 183/12. He is in favour of planting trees but noted Seaford Town Council had to consider both its legal duties and long term costs.

Mr Brown - commented that he had been referred to this Committee by the Town Clerk when he raised an issue at F&GP Committee in respect of work needed at Hope Gap Steps and that a sum of money was held by LDC to fund work on the steps. He also questioned the ownership of Seaford Head Nature Reserve after a comment made by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of Seaford Head Nature Reserve Management Committee.

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It was **AGREED** to **NOTE** the report.

CS 52 Seaford Tree Wardens

Members considered report 183/12.

CS 52.1 It was **AGREED** to **DEFER** a decision that no further street tree planting take place in Seaford Town Council's name and the Tree Wardens present any licence applications to the Community Services Committee for approval before each application to East Sussex County Council is made.

CS 52.2 It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** that the Projects & Facilities Manager work with Seaford Tree Wardens to identify alternative sites within Seaford Town Council's or other private ownership.

CS 52.3 It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the appointment of Margery Diamand, Patrick McCausland, Peter Tattam, Walter Tillyard and Cedric Trenfield as Tree Wardens

CS 53 Seaford Rugby Football Club

Members considered report 184/12.

CS 53.1 It was **AGREED** in principle that permission be given to Seaford Rugby Football Club to extend their clubhouse by approximately 5 metres to the north of the building and renovate the changing areas, subject to the submission of final plans to this Committee, planning permission being granted and the Rugby Club securing all costs associated with the project.

CS 53.2 It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** that Seaford Rugby Football Club's existing lease be extended by a further 10 years to allow them to apply for funding for this project.

CS 54 Seaford Head Estate Advisory Group

Members considered report 185/12.

CS 54.1 It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the formation of a Seaford Head Estate Advisory Group as detailed in 1.4 to 1.6 of report 185/12 with the councillors who are Seaford Town Council's representatives to Seaford Head Nature Reserve Management Committee also being members of this group.

CS 54.2 It was **AGREED** to **CONFIRM** delegation of authority to the Town Clerk to consult with the Seaford Head Estate Advisory Group on land management issues and spend within allocated budget and income generated from the estate outside of the golf course and farmed areas.

CS 55 Seaford Martello Rotary Club

Members considered report 187/12.

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