

# Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Golf & The View Committee on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Held in the Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford at 7.00pm.

#### Present:

Councillors D Argent (Chair) and B Payne (Vice-Chair)

Councillors M Brown, J Cash, M Everden, R Reed and B Webb.

Adam Chugg, Town Clerk

Craig Nicol, General Manager - The View

Alan Miller and Shaun Doyle, Seaford Head Golf Club

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Councillor J Meek was in attendance observing the meeting.

### G24/03/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Edson, who has Covid (Councillor Everden substituted for).

The Head Greenkeeper and Golf Professional extended their apologies for not being able to attend.

#### G25/03/21 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures of interests.

### G26/03/21 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

## G27/03/21 Head Greenkeeper's Report

The Committee considered report 181/21 presenting an update on golf course maintenance.

Matters discussed included considering creating 'desire paths' in the corner of the course near Southdown Road and also requesting further clarification regarding the arrangements for the green roof.

It was RESOLVED to NOTE the contents of the report.



#### G28/03/21 Golf Professional's Report

The Committee considered report 182/21 presenting an update on golf course related matters.

Matters discussed included confirming the golf professional's arrangements for GolfSafe. It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

#### G29/03/21 The View General Manager's Report

The Committee considered report 183/21 presenting an update on business operations at The View.

Matters discussed included considering holding theme/similar nights more frequently than once a month, finally confirming the proposed opening hours and maximising marketing efforts for the summer.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

### G30/03/21 Seaford Head Golf Club Update

A standard agenda item to enable the representatives of Seaford Head Golf Club at the meeting to give brief verbal updates on relevant business / activities of the club, for noting only.

The Committee was verbally updated on the following:

The Club recently held its AGM and are looking forward to the new season starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

The guizzes are going well.

The Club are pleased that some golf items/visuals/memorabilia will be possible in parts of the upstairs of the building and are drawing up proposals of what they want to do.

Thanks to the Head Greenkeeper and the team for the work to improve the 13th tee.

The Club welcomes the new terminal for golfers in the bar area.

#### G31/03/21 Exclusion of the Press & Public

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be **EXCLUDED** from the meeting during the discussion on the next item of business for the reasons as set out below.

(7.41pm - the Seaford Head Golf Club representatives exited the meeting)

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# G32/03/21 The View Financial Stability Update & Working Group Proposal EXEMPT

The Committee considered exempt report 183/21 providing provide a briefing for the Committee on; the financial history of The View, the context for this, and some possible future options to take and suggested way in which to review these.

- G32.1 It was RESOLVED to AGREE that the account codes for the loan are moved to a separate cost centre within the Golf & The View subset. This will not impact the overall cost to the Town Council but the loan will be shown separately.
- G32.2 It was RESOLVED to ESTABLISH The View Working Group as per section 7 of exempt report 184/21, to undertake the following:
  - a. To review the previous Business Plan and other reports written about The View since it opened.
  - b. To draw on the expertise of staff, Councillors and other stakeholders to identify ways of increasing income.
  - c. To consider leasing out the restaurant and catering operation to a specialist hospitality company/restauranteur.
  - d. To produce a list of proposals for consideration to the Golf & The View Committee and then seek agreement for those actions by Full Council. The working group will consist of Councillors Argent, Brown, Everden, Payne, and Webb, along with the Town Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Councillor D Argent

Chair of Golf & The View

