



## Seaford Town Council

### Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Climate Change Sub-Committee on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Held at the Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.00pm.

#### Present:

Councillors L Boorman (Chair), L Wallraven (Vice Chair), S Adeniji, M Brown, J Edson and J Meek.

Adam Chugg, Town Clerk

Georgia Raeburn, HR & Governance Manager

There were nine members of the public in attendance.

#### CC7/01/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Cash and M Everden.

#### CC8/11/22 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures of interests.

#### CC9/01/22 Public Participation

Speaker	Statement
Resident A	<i>As a consultant engineer in the building and building services sector for 40 years, including working on green and energy conscious buildings, wished to clarify some points within the valuable delivery plan on the agenda. Raised queries on: the planned meeting with residents; the process, timeline and public involvement with the creation and adoption of the new policy document; the desktop research to be carried out; the timeline, purpose and public involvement with the planned people's assembly; ownership for the delivery of the new policy document and relationship between this and the Town Council's upcoming work on its new strategic plan; the method of presenting the timeline from start to finish;</i>

	<i>ensuring activities that enable feedback to be given; any plans for an energy audit and upgrade programme for current Town Council buildings, and; how the Town Council might influence planning application approvals being green within the town.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution and confirmed that the points raised will be covered during that item on the agenda.
<i>Resident B</i>	<i>Believes the delivery plan to be a good, promising framework. Queried what types of environmental impact will be assessed in future decision making and whether this will be looking at the Town Council's activities only or using this as a springboard to encourage measures across the town. Queried if the Town Council would consider using the refurbishment of the Martello Toilets as an opportunity for retrofit activities.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution and confirmed that the points raised will be covered during that item on the agenda.
<i>Resident C</i>	<i>Praised the paper as an excellent approach by the Town Council, demonstrating allowing the public to think about this topic within Seaford, as evidenced by the level of questions at this meeting. Wanted to clarify that the car charging points will also be available for use by visitors, as part of supporting the town's tourist economy.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution and confirmed that the car charging points would be available for use by visitors as well as residents.
<i>Resident D</i>	<i>Having previously provided the Committee with a photo of the bike racks at The View, raised concerns that these are hard to find and access. Feels that there are some basics to get right, in particular with encouraging cycling within the town.</i>

Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their feedback and confirmed that the Town Council will look at making the necessary improvements to the bike racks.
<i>Resident E</i>	<i>With regards to the climate change delivery plan, make comments and raised queries on the planned meeting with residents and the involvement of community groups in this, the planned timing for the people's assembly and the option of other groups facilitating an assembly in the summer and, the importance of full involvement in the community to get the policy right. Confirmed that they would not be able to stay at the meeting for the agenda item being discussed and requested a response to their points.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution. Confirmed that the points raised will be covered during that item on the agenda and a written response also provided to the resident.
<i>Resident F</i>	<i>As an officer of another local authority, wished to highlight the opening of the England Coastal Path in September, the plans to hold an event marking this at South Hill Barn on Seaford Head and how this relates to the climate change delivery plan. Would like to work with the Town Council on the permanent use of green energy at South Hill Barn and possibly car charging points.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the officer for their contribution and confirmed that the proposed event is to be considered by Full Council at its meeting on 26 <sup>th</sup> January, where landowner permission from the Town Council for the event will be discussed.
<i>Resident G</i>	<i>Made statements regarding an item not on the agenda.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution and confirmed that the proposed event is to be considered by Full Council at its meeting on 26 <sup>th</sup> January, where landowner permission from the Town Council for the event will be discussed.
<i>Resident G</i>	<i>Highlighted how the proposed event at South Hill Barn will help upskill young people and the community of Seaford with regards to the climate emergency, and also support the</i>

	<i>agenda of a people's assembly and new climate change policy document.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution and confirmed that this would be discussed by Full Council at its meeting on 26 <sup>th</sup> January.
<i>Resident H</i>	<i>Expressed their delight at seeing the vision of the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan in relation to local green spaces coming to fruition. Supports the proposed event at South Hill Barn as a catalyst to attract people, of all generations, to the concept of climate change and get behind the actions being taken.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution.

(7.33pm – four members of the public exited the meeting)

## **CC10/01/22 Climate Change Delivery Plan**

The Sub-Committee considered report 150/22 providing the Sub-Committee and residents with a summary of key work of this Sub-Committee in the months ahead.

The Town Clerk introduced the report and took the Sub-Committee through the finer details of the plan presented within the report, responding to public questions in doing so.

Members queried the ambitiousness of the timeline whilst understanding the need to have this piece of work done, the possibility to approach Lewes District Council for resources (financial) for South Hill Barn, using a gantt chart when presenting the timeline and tasks to be undertaken to aide understanding, the importance of cycling being included in the delivery plan, a clearer objective/outcome accompanying the delivery plan, the lack of accessibility of bicycle racks at the golf course, the transport strategy and initiatives including accommodating and promoting cycling and pedestrians within the town, learning from previous studies and work undertaken to assess transport in Seaford, the review frequency of the policy documents, the use of wind turbines at Seaford Head Barn, engaging with the younger generations through schools and youth groups, and inclusion of The View creating the strategic plan and policy documents.

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

## **CC11/01/23 Car Park Charge Points**

The Sub-Committee considered report 151/22 requesting that the Sub-Committee recommend taking forward work on car park charging points.

The Town Clerk introduced the report to the Sub-Committee. Members requested that the Town Council ensures the provider of the charging points uses renewable electricity.

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that the Community Service Committee agree that work be taken forward on car park charging points, subject to including renewable energy use as a criteria for the chosen provider.

The meeting closed at 8.04pm.

Councillor Liz Boorman

Chair of the Climate Change Sub-Committee

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