



Seaford Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Climate Change Sub-Committee on Thursday, 27th October 2022.

Held at the Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG on Thursday 20th October 2022 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillors L Boorman (Chair), L Wallraven (Vice Chair) and M Brown.

Adam Chugg, Town Clerk

There were five members of the public in attendance.

CC1/10/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Cash, M Everden and J Lord.

CC2/10/22 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures of interests.

CC3/10/22 Public Participation

Speaker	Statement
<i>Resident A</i>	<i>Feels the town needs to be more resilient for the challenges to come. Welcomes the new Sub-Committee.</i>
<i>Resident B</i>	<i>Spoke about useful sources of information, such as Climate Emergency Design Guidelines. Also encouraged the Town Council to help the community to work together e.g. helping people to minimise their energy usage.</i>
<i>Resident C</i>	<i>Glad to see the creation of this new sub-committee. Has a relevant background both in academic study and professional experience and happy to help where they can.</i>
<i>Resident D</i>	<i>Raised the question of how the community can be best involved, considering ideas such as a Peoples' Assembly.</i>
<i>Resident E</i>	<i>Would like to see the focus on education to help people understand what to expect. Also, working to maximise local food security.</i>

Town Council Response to the above	<p>Thanked all residents for their contributions.</p> <p>Welcomed the interest and the willingness to work together.</p> <p>Confirmed that this Sub-Committee has arisen from the commitment of the Town Council to action, and much has been achieved. But there is much more to do.</p> <p>Confirmed that the Town Council is working together to enable and maximise community action and will be seeking input from others.</p>
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CC4/10/22 Update and Aims for the Future

The Sub-Committee considered report 100/22 providing the Sub-Committee with a summary of climate change work the Town Council has undertaken, and priorities to take forward.

CC4.1 It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

CC4.2 It was **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the next steps for the Sub-Committee as follows:

- a) Develop Policy
- b) Enable the Town Council to undertake environmental consideration in decision-making
- c) Inform priorities for the Town Council's Strategic Plan 2023
- d) Play a role of civic leadership
- e) Draw on training and good practice, such as the Climate Literacy Training.

CC5/10/22 Sites Report and Next Steps

The Sub-Committee considered report 101/22 providing an update on the approach the Town Council is taking across the town, identified further work to be undertaken, and seeking resources to be made available to explore the future development of South Hill Barn.

CC5.1 It was **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the actions to be taken arising from the work undertaken so far as follows:

- a) Seek to implement car park charging points
- b) Explore green energy solutions at South Hill Barn and elsewhere
- c) Review best options for the Green Roof
- d) Complete and add to agreements with local groups for green activities on Town Council-owned land
- e) Continue ecological approach to golf course management

- f) Continue to work with Sussex Wildlife Trust and others to manage the Nature Reserve appropriately.

CC5.2 It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to the Community Services Committee that £15,000 be committed in the 2023 – 2024 draft budget as a contingency; comprising of £10,000 for professional and other fees to explore how to bring power and water to South Hill Barn and also implement electric vehicle chargers on Town Council land, and £5,000 for additional officer and expert time to take climate work forward.

CC6/10/22 Seaford Carbon Footprint

The Sub-Committee considered report 102/22 presenting the Centre for Sustainable Energy's Carbon Footprint Report for Seaford for discussion.

CC6.1 It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report from the Centre for Sustainable Energy.

CC6.2 It was **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the priorities for the Town Council in light of these findings, as follows:

- a) Publish the carbon report for Seaford on the Town Council's website, and encourage individuals to undertake their own survey
- b) Undertake work to monitor and reduce the Town Council's carbon footprint in its own buildings
- c) Work with the Assets Working Group on how the Town Council manages the land it owns
- d) Continue to refer to the report as a useful reference point for the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Councillor Liz Boorman

Chair of the Climate Change Sub-Committee