



Seaford Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Climate Change Sub-Committee on Thursday, 13th July 2023

Held at the Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG on Thursday 13th July 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillors C Bristow (Chair), R Buchanan (Vice Chair), L Boorman, R Honeyman, O Matthews, J Meek and L Wallraven.

Louise Lawrence, Head of Assets, Projects & Services

Helen Vits, Events & Facilities Officer

Zoe Polydorou, Projects Officer

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

CC01/07/23 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Taylor (Councillor R Honeyman substituted).

CC02/07/23 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures of interests.

CC03/71/23 Public Participation

Speaker	Statement
<i>Resident A</i>	<p><i>Seaford Town Council was congratulated on agenda item 5, Draft Climate Emergency Policy. They highlighted that a lot of the responsibility within the policy is with East Sussex County Council (ESCC), for example cycling and walking improvements and requested that Seaford Town Council ensures that East Sussex County Council does the right thing.</i></p> <p><i>Seaford Town Council was asked if it would support them to hold a sustainability fayre.</i></p>

Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution. The point about working with other councils was praised, and it was agreed that Seaford Town Council will be happy to meet to discuss the sustainability fayre further.
<i>Resident B</i>	<p><i>Seaford Town Council was congratulated on introducing a positive change with the prominent new composting toilets. Cycle Fest was held at The Salts. With regards to the picnic area used, the grass had been left uncut for a long time and, whilst when it is cut it is carried out well with a strip left around the outside for biodiversity, requested that any grass areas that are the responsibility of Seaford Town Council and that need to be cut, should be cut to avoid backlash.</i></p> <p><i>From working on the cycling study with partners, queried if the Town Council will be actively involved in East Sussex County Council's Local Transport Plan 4 consultation.</i></p>
Town Council Response	<p>Thanked the resident for their contribution. Explained that the toilets were installed quickly and although there are teething issues, hopes the trial will be successful.</p> <p>With regards to Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4), it was explained that active travel would form part of agenda item 5, and that they would look into the date of when the plan will be published and the correct process for the Town Council to consider the consultation.</p>

CC04/07/23 Climate Change Update Report – July 2023

The Sub-Committee considered report 33/23 providing the Sub-Committee with progress of the Climate Change Delivery plan.

Members discussed the South Hill Barn feasibility study and possible steps to take before this study is undertaken, the availability of previous reports about the Barn, a temporary wind turbine being introduced at the Barn for the Walk the Chalk event, there not being a formal plan in place for the Barn, the restrictions and considerations on site (in relation to the dark skies policy and Site of Special Scientific Interest status), the various possibilities for use of the Barn (such as a sustainability centre, a daytime wedding venue, a filming location, an educational centre), the possibility of an additional borehole at the Barn, the

use of external expertise during the project and the status of the works to carry out repairs to the Barn roof.

CC04.1 It was **PROPOSED** to **AGREE** that:

- Officers prepare a brief to define a vision on how the Barn will be used and serviced, which will be discussed by councillors at the next Climate Change Sub-Committee in October, and
- Officers scope out the feasibility of the vision outlined in the brief and include costings.

; the **MOTION** was **CARRIED**.

Members questioned how, and the depth at which, the Plastic Free Events charter would be policed.

The Armed Forces Day event this year was proudly used as an example of an event that didn't use any plastic for its catering; all items were recyclable. Also, that in addition the committee had decided to not have rubbish bins, and there was no litter after the event.

It was confirmed that the charter will be drawn up with Plastic Free Seaford.

CC04.2 It was **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** to the development of a Plastic-Free Events Charter.

Thanks was given for the compostable toilets, with the awareness that the trial can be reviewed for possible future compostable toilet usage.

CC05/07/23 Draft Climate Emergency Policy

The Sub-Committee considered report 34/23 presenting a draft Climate Emergency Policy for discussion and recommendation to Full Council for adoption.

Members discussed the importance of consulting with local groups and higher authorities, rather than working in isolation, to help inform Seaford Town Council on what's going on in the wider context and help achieve the Climate Emergency policy.

Also, it was discussed that there is a need for the Climate Change sub-committee to have evidence and knowledge shared with it, to build upon the existing knowledge base and help with decision making.

It was **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** that the policy is to be finalised by the Head of Assets, Projects and Services, in consultation with the Chair of the Climate Change Sub-Committee, and to include the following amendments:-

- An initial review to take place at 12-months
- Add new Point 13 - working with other local authorities, organisations, and partners

- Add new Point 14 - knowledge sharing to include keeping abreast of technology
- Include a glossary.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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