



Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Climate Change Sub Committee on Thursday 21st November 2024

Held at the Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillors C Bristow (Chair), R Buchanan (Vice Chair), R Honeyman, O Matthews, J Meek and I Taylor

Steve Quayle, Interim Town Clerk

Isabelle Moulard, Assistant Town Clerk

Simon Lambert, Golf Course Manager

Sharan Brydon, Assets & Projects Manager

There were 11 members of the public attendance

Councillor S Dubas attended in a non-voting capacity as a non-Sub-Committee member

CC06/11/24 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

CC07/11/24 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures of interests.

CC08/11/24 Public Participation

Speaker	Statement
<i>Resident A</i>	<i>Item 5</i> <i>Concerned that one third of the existing nature reserve is excluded from the proposed National Nature Reserve (NNR) maps.</i> <i>Urged the Sub-Committee to ensure all land in the existing nature reserve to be included in NNR.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution
<i>Resident B</i>	<i>Item 5</i> <i>Expressed concerns over management of the NNR and</i>

	<i>urged the Sub-Committee to consider all land coming under control of one committee in-house.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution.
<i>Resident C</i>	<i>Item 5</i> <i>Highlighted the rising tourist numbers and the need to manage biodiversity, vehicle use and road safety, and facilities needed for tourists such as toilets.</i> <i>Urged the Sub-Committee to consider an educational facility at South Hill Barn and for Hope Gap steps to be reinstated.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution.
<i>Resident D</i>	<i>Item 5</i> <i>Advised that it is vital the South Downs aquifer is protected and sustained.</i> <i>Highlighted that tourism is driving a higher need for water in the area and that walking on the downland is impacting the aquifer.</i> <i>Urged for Hope Gap steps to be reinstated.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution.

CC09/11/24 Climate Change Update Report – November 2024

The Committee considered report 111/24 providing the Sub-Committee with an update on the key work being undertaken by the Town Council in relation to the Climate Emergency. It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

*(7.28pm - the Committee **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders to receive a presentation on the Seven Sisters National Nature Reserve.)*

(8.23pm - Standing Orders were reinstated.)

CC10/11/24 Seven Sisters National Nature Reserve – Update & Consideration of Next Steps

The Committee considered report 110/24 seeking a recommendation to Full Council about the Town Council's involvement in the Seven Sisters National Nature Reserve.

CC10.1 It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

CC10.2 It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council the following:

CC10.2a To **AGREE** land at Seaford Head, boundaries yet to be confirmed, as part of the Seven Sister's National Nature Reserve, by providing a letter of intent, and

CC10.2b To **APPROVE** Seaford Town Council becoming an Approved Body via Natural England's processes and under section 35 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 in order to manage the land as a National Nature Reserve.

; these **MOTIONS** were **CARRIED**.

(8.48pm - ten members of the public left the meeting and a short comfort break was held until 8.55pm)

CC11/11/24 Paper & Print Strategy

The Committee considered report 112/24 allowing the Sub-Committee to consider the Town Council's strategic approach towards the usage of paper and printing.

CC11.1 It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

CC11.2 It was **PROPOSED** to **AGREE** to approve future steps proposed by Officers, to bring a comprehensive print and paper reduction strategy proposal to Full Council for their consideration; the **MOTION** was **CARRIED**.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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