



Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Golf & The View Committee on 30th July 2024

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

Present:

Councillor L Stirton (Chair)

Councillors S Ali, C Bristow, R Buchanan and L Wallraven

Louise Lawrence, Head of Assets, Projects & Services (HAPS)

Simon Lambert, Course Manager

Georgia Raeburn, Governance Manager

Alan Flood, Seaford Head Golf Club Representative

There were no members of the public attendance

G01/07/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Rutland and Fraser Morley, Golf Professional.

G02/07/24 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures of interests.

G03/07/24 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

G04/07/24 Golf Professional's Update Report

The Committee considered report 54/24 providing an update from the Golf Professional service on golf course related matters.

The HAPS introduced the report including positive membership and society numbers, the digital flyover and work to progress this appropriately, and the intention to create a five-year marketing plan to help with golf playing on a municipal course that is open land.

Members discussed the digital flyover project, opportunities being explored by the Vanguard Way Association with walking routes and possible linkage with plans to look at walker's use of the course, and the logistics and messaging/education around litter and dog mess on the course and in the bins provided.

The Committee **NOTED** its thanks to Fraser Morley, Golf Professional, for his 20 years' service at the course.

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

G05/07/24 Course Manager's Update Report

The Committee considered report 55/24 providing an update on management and maintenance of the golf course.

The Course Manager introduced their report including the level of growth on course, good condition and performance of machinery, and an update on leased machinery.

Members discussed the borehole onsite and South East Water testing, the low nitrate levels of the borehole water as a direct result of the environmental management approach on the course, positive feedback on the course's condition and playability, and the Course Manager's involvement in the verge and grass cutting contract and research across the Town Council.

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

G06/07/24 The View Update Report

The Committee considered report 60/24 providing the committee with an update on operations at The View.

The HAPS introduced the report including the handover with the tenant at The View, building maintenance at The View, the roof safety apparatus, and the future work required with the green roof.

The Chair made it clear that were a Councillor to take it upon themselves to climb onto the roof of The View to inspect it, then this would be highly injudicious.

Members discussed the solar panels on The View roof, the South Downs National Park planning condition requiring a green roof on the building, and some loose boards on the side of the building requiring fixing.

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

G07/07/24 Golf & The View Income & Expenditure 2023 - 2024 Year End

The Committee considered report 53/24 updating the committee on the income and expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March 2024.

Members congratulated all concerned in the financial performance and continual growth.

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

G08/07/24 Seaford Head Golf Club 17th Green and 18th Tees

Redesign Project

The Committee considered report 57/24 presenting Seaford Head Golf Club 17th green / 18th tees redesign plans.

The Course Manager introduced the report including the background to this project, proposals presented to Committee now and the next steps in the project, the invite to Committee members to have relevant site visits, the plans coming back to Committee for consideration after consultation but before going out to tender, the possibility of identifying funding opportunities to support the works, and the impact on golfing income when works are underway.

Members discussed the consultation plans, utilising the consultation as an opportunity to share other messages relating to the course with the public, the requirement for other relevant authorities to approve the redesign, the opportunities for external funding, the impact of future coastal erosion on the course, and the impact of the redesign on the playing experience for golfers.

G08.1 It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

G08.2 It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the initial redesign plan and that this be presented to the public and stakeholders for review and feedback.

G08.3 It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the next steps to be taken, including fully detailed plans and specifications being presented back to Committee for final approval.

G09/07/24 Electric Vehicle Charging Points – Golf Course Car Park

The Committee considered report 59/24 presenting details to the committee of the work required to consider introducing electric vehicle charging points at the golf course and seek its support with this being taken forwards.

The HAPS introduced the report including a feasibility example that had been looked at and seeking Committee's agreement in principle before moving forwards.

Members discussed wanting to know the cost to charge the vehicles, the nation's target to phase out petrol or diesel only vehicles, the length of term of the arrangement due to the initial investment by the provider, assessing the capability of the power supply to support the chargers, the opportunity to encourage customers with electric vehicles, ample parking spaces onsite to cope with spaces being dedicated to electric vehicle charging, the opportunity to add further charging points in the future, surveying the patrons of the course and The View on electric vehicle use and interest in charging points, the feasibility of electric vehicle charging on the seafront, the variety of specifics that can be considered as

part of the project, speaking with other authorities to gauge their experiences of rolling out electric vehicle charging, location and security of the charging points, and any opportunities to explore the charging of other vehicles (golf buggies, mobility scooters, electric bikes).

G09.1 It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

C09.2 It was **RESOLVED** to **AGREE IN PRINCIPLE** with the concept of installing electric vehicle charging points onsite at the golf course, instructing officers to carry out the necessary steps with regards to publicising the opportunity and facilitating Full Council's consideration of disposal of land.

G10/07/24 Seaford Head Golf Club Update

Alan Flood was welcomed to his first Committee meeting.

The Club queried the absence of hand towels / poor condition of the hand dryers in the showers / locker rooms. The HAPS would review this at an upcoming contract meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.36pm.

Councillor L Stirton

Chair of Golf & The View Committee