

Seaford Annual Town Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held in Crossway Church, Clinton Place, Seaford on **Tuesday 30th April at 7.00pm.**

Present from Seaford Town Council:

Chair - Councillor Olivia Honeyman (2023 - 2024 Mayor of Seaford)

Six Town Councillors

Adam Chugg (Town Clerk), Lucy Clark (RFO), Isabelle Mouland (Assistant Town Clerk) and Nikki Blight (Administrative Assistant)

Nia Waite (2023 – 2024 Young Mayor)

Peter White (Town Crier of Seaford)

55 members of the public

Rhapsody Artist Development sang as members of the public arrived.

Peter White, Town Crier of Seaford, called people to the meeting.

1. Welcome and Introductions by the Mayor

The Mayor thanked Rhapsody Artist Development, welcomed the attendees and outlined the format of the meeting.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held 23rd May 2023 were accepted by the participants.

3. Seaford Town Council Update

The Town Clerk gave an update on Town Council activities and key projects in the town such as: working with new stakeholders; the refurbishment of Martello Toilets; new management at The View; and the Town Council's adopted Strategic Plan.

The Town Clerk highlighted the Town Council future plans including: East Sussex County Council's parking review; Lewes District Council's Local Plan; 80th year celebration of D-Day; Seaford Town Council's 25th Anniversary; South Hill Barn development; and working with young people.

Questions:

Resident A	<i>Can the Town Council provide an update on the CIL funds from the Newlands development?</i>
Town Council Response	The Town Council is still in talks with Lewes District Council about CIL usage in Seaford.

Resident B	<i>There are currently logs along Bönnigstedt Promenade, in front of the Bönnigstedt Beach Huts where the shingle wall was. Are these temporary or have they replaced the shingle wall? How much did they cost, and if they are temporary, what will happen once they are no longer needed?</i>
Town Council Response	The logs are there as a temporary measure until the wall can be refurbished. Their next use is unknown at this time, but the Town Council will either look to use or it could look to sell them.

4. Presentations by Recipients of Large Grants

Presentations were received from the groups that had received large grants from the Town Council in 2023 - 2024:

Citizens Advice Bureau

Used the large grant towards running costs to enable it to provide its services in Seaford.

Teddy Treats Children's Charity

Used the large grant Support Local Children to attend dance, singing & art activities.

St James' Trust (Seaford)

Used the large grant towards the weekly cost of mini-bus hire for the Tuesday Lunch Club.

Cradle Hill P.T.F.A

Used the large grant towards providing an outdoor quiet play zone.

Cuckmere Community Bus

Used the large grant to help meet ongoing annual running costs and avoid/minimise deficits.

Friends of Bishopstone Station

Used the large grant to help fund IT equipment, cleaning costs and accountancy fees relating to two community projects, Meet up Mondays and Bishopstone Station Community Food Project.

GIA (Gardening in Action) CIC

Used the large grant to support the Peverells Community Garden with providing one year's welfare facilities, part funding of wheelchair matting and a colour laser printer with supplies.

Havens Community Hub

Used the large grant to support the expansion and development of Havens Food Co-Operative Pop Up Pantry Scheme allowing operations to continue and more partnership working to take place.

Mercread Youth Centre

Used the large grant to convert the main entrance door into an automatic access door for wheelchair users and general easier access.

Seaford Bonfire Society

Used the large grant to assist with the cost of providing medical emergency professionals along with the assisting the costs of the event security.

Care for the Carers

Used the large grant to reach more young carers in the Seaford Area by running two activities at the Mercread Youth Centre.

The Youth Counselling Project

Used the large grant to provide sixty sessions of wellbeing support and mental health interventions to six additional children or young people in need in Seaford.

Waves (Seaford)

Used the large grant to enable improvement and expansion of services to support to families and children experiencing short or long-term difficulties.

5. Young Mayor Update and Awards

The 2023-2024 Young Mayor, Nia Waite presented an update of her year in office and announced that she had raised a total of £650 for her chosen charities, Seaford Lifeguards and RNLI (£325 each).

The Young Mayor presented awards to Roger Daws and Mary Sims from Seaford Youth Forum for their continued commitment to young people in the town.

6. Mayor's Awards

The 2023-2024 Mayor of Seaford, Councillor Olivia Honeyman, announced that she had raised a total of £1010 for her chosen charities, The Mercread Youth Centre and The Youth Counselling Project (£505 each).

The Mayor presented the Mayor's Awards from the 2023-2023 Mayoral year.

Awards were made as follows:

Mayor's Awards

Fran Charlton – Coastal Environmental Champion

For her tireless work for Plastic Free Seaford and organisation of monthly beach cleans.

Dan Ori – Charity Champion

For his commitment to the strengthening of community gardening in Seaford, moreover his invaluable support to local organisations and community groups.

Lamin Faal – Sporting Achievement

For his hard work in highlighting disability football in Seaford to a wider audience, and recognition of his achievement in receiving the BBC Sports Personality Unsung Hero South East Award.

Darren Evans – Sporting Achievement

For his extraordinary fundraising for WOLO and his eco-campaigning for sustainable running.

The Don Mabey Award – Gemma McFarlane

For tirelessly raising funds, awareness and providing opportunities for The Mercread Youth Centre to keep this valuable community asset running, and many other voluntary achievements and support she delivers in the community.

8. Question & Answer Time

There were no questions.

In closing the Mayor thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting ended at 21.13pm



Councillor Olivia Honeyman

Mayor of Seaford 2023 - 2024