

# SEAFORD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

## Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 22 held at St James' Club (Seaford Volunteers) Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2002

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### Present:

David Schueler  
Peter Sinclair  
Joan Pearce  
Pauline Gower

Mary Crutch  
Christine Sinclair  
Owen Clifford  
Jon Freeman

Cllr Laurie Holland  
Stuart Adcock  
Mike Murphy  
Tony Rosewell

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Apologies from Sue Moffatt, Colin Brown, Paul Rideout, Duncan White, Audrey Whitney, Linda Hallum, Ted Cowdrey

### 2. MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 21 - 14<sup>th</sup> August 2002

Produced by Tony Rosewell (with thanks)    Agreed

### 3      **REPORTS FROM THE THEMATIC TASK GROUPS**

#### 3.1 Farmers Market (Christine Sinclair)

The Courtesy Bus had only one prior booking for the August Market. Contact to be made with Sheltered Accommodation Homes to publicise the bus service.

Further customer and stall holder surveys need to be carried out for the SEED report. Ted Cowdrey is also contacting the Seaford Traders for the same purpose.

Christine Sinclair suggested the possibility of additional markets on the fifth Saturday in a month, where this occurs (starting in the New Year). Whilst accepting the principle of this, members felt that this might be perceived as interfering too much with the existing traders on probably the most busy day in the week. It was agreed that in view of the market's success over such a short run, the present arrangements should continue and the possibility of a Saturday market reconsidered when the time comes early in the New Year to apply for further road closures.

Agreed we should confirm the SEED Equal Opportunities Policy Statement and Green Housekeeping Policy should be adopted for future projects.

#### 3.2 Skills Demand & Supply (Chris Hart)

No further progress reported

#### 3.2 First Stop Shop and Seaford Forum (Jon Freeman and Mary Crutch)

##### **First Stop Shop**

##### **a) Stage 1.**

The first stop continues to be used - people dropping in for a coffee become interested and enquire for information.

##### **b) Stage 2.**

A SWOT analysis has been completed for the station redevelopment project  
Jon Freeman has also talked to Railtrack and the Strategic Railway Authority giving an outline of the Partnership's proposals. These were received with interest and it is hoped that representatives of the two authorities will come to Seaford to discuss the schemes in more detail.

An outline was also given of a scheme for developing railway land south of the track at the north of the Salts and to the West of the station. This could have the potential for developing

the whole site, including the station as complete civic and community centre combined with a leisure complex including a swimming pool.

**c) Seaford Forum**

It was agreed that the date of the next Forum should be changed to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September and discuss youth affairs, with Jane Spence leading, provided this date is convenient for her

Owen Clifford advised that Newhaven is developing a youth strategy and a representative should be invited to pass on their experience and ideas. There is a view that the physical side has sufficient help but there should be more encouragement of the music and arts. However Jane had already advised at the June meeting that these, with drama are already catered for. Similarly there are already two big youth clubs so further accommodation is not required. However, employment and training for those young people who do not make the grade in the academic subjects is a matter of concern - and vocational jobs such as plumbing, decorating, electricians etc are much needed.

A general review of youth facilities would be most educational for partnership members.

**d) Publicity**

The Partnership is continuing to receive favourable attention in the press.

**3.4 Business Development** (Peter Sinclair, Ted Cowdrey, Jon Freeman etc)

a) Cradle Hill Industrial Estate - No further progress to report

b) General business Development

It was felt that the partnership should look in wider terms for opportunities to encourage the development of business and commerce in the town.

c) Corsica Hall

Seaford Head Community College have offered a representative to our sub-group dealing with the swimming pool issue - contact is Karen Ford, Business Manager and Clerk to the Seaford head Swimming Pool Management committee.

**3.5 Transport and Safe Routes to School** (Ted Cowdrey)

a) All Seaford schools and other interested organisations have been invited to a meeting at St James Club on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September to a presentation on Safe Routes to School, the orbital cycling route and the seafront national cycling route.

This will be attended by Colin Clark and Andy Kerr to explain the plans they have for crossings and traffic calming on the school routes. These should benefit not only schoolchildren but the elderly and people with physical disabilities.

b) Peter Sinclair's bid for funding for the Seaford to Newhaven Tide Mills cycling Greenway was explained.

**3.6 Seaford Improvements, Tourism and Culture** (David Schueler)

a) The Seaford Improvements and Culture committee met again on 31<sup>st</sup> July and further discussions took place on plans for a heritage trail, with appropriate signage and also the refurbishment of the Salts and seafront.

A 15 year old skateboarder, Chloe Jackson, had approached the partnership, the Town Council and others to ask for better facilities at the skateboard parks (Salts and/or Chyngton Field). She was invited to the 31<sup>st</sup> July meeting to discuss the requirements and Cllr Julian Peterson, Chairman of STC Community Services committee also attended. It was agreed that STC and SCP would go into partnership on this. SCP agreed to support and help organise meetings with Youth Clubs to seek information on the detailed design requirements and

prospective usage. David Schueler had also been invited to Elm Court Club to discuss these matters with members.

- b) The detailed proposals for the events for the Maritime Festival at the Spring Bank holiday in 2003 had been circulated to members.

### **3.6 Cinema Club**

Stuart Adcock advised that the first showing on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> September will be Star Wars III followed by Spider Man in October.

The curtains are complete and the new chairs are available. Entrance will be £3 for youngsters.

6 films can be shown before a licence is required.

Extensive PR is planned.

Break-even attendance is 80

### **4. Partnership Accounts**

£200 grant has been made by the Town Council to help with administration costs.

Part of this will be room rental from St James Club and STC. The partnership thanked both organisations for waiving rental charges when the partnership first started.

### **5. THE SEAFORD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP CONSTITUTION**

ESCC, LDC and STC have given permission for their representatives to become directors/trustees. Others awaited.

Ideas were requested for stationery paper design

### **6. LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

Owen Clifford reported that the next meeting will be on 30<sup>th</sup> September at Denton Island

Two important priorities have emerged - Transport and Young people's facilities and workshops on these have already taken place. The Local Community Strategy will be published in time for the 30<sup>th</sup> September meeting.

Owen Clifford also advised that the Local Government Association is now using the work of the LSP as a 'Path Finder'.

### **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2002

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