

SEAFORD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 26 held at St James' Club (Seaford Volunteers) Wednesday 8th January 2003

Present:

David Schueler
Mike Murphy
Linda Hallums
Pauline Gower

Cllr Laurie Holland
Jon Freeman
Chris Hart
Owen Clifford

Christine Sinclair
Tony Rosewell

0. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Apologies from Peter Sinclair, Carol-Ann Evans, Joan Pearce, Audrey Whitney, Ted Cowdrey, Paul Rideout, Stuart Adcock.

1. PRESENTATION ON NEW POLICING ARRANGEMENTS IN SEAFORD

Sergeant Owen Poppett and WPC Lee Willsher were welcomed and made a presentation on the new policing arrangements being made in Seaford in response to public comments.

Seaford will have a sergeant and ten constables with each officer appointed to a beat in each ward. This will comprise five beats to correspond with the five wards under the new local government arrangements.

There will be 24 hour policing with an officer always on duty. This will include a minimum of a one hour foot patrol on each beat.

This will be overseen by Inspector Huff covering Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven. Incident cover will be for Seaford plus District wide cover.

The front office in Seaford is to be slightly extended.

The area will also continue to be covered by cars.

Sergeant Poppett and Constable Willshire were thanked for their presentation and the steering group expressed their appreciation that the public's desire for more visible policing has been listened to by the new command in East Sussex.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 25 - 4th December 2002

Agreed

3. REPORTS FROM THE THEMATIC TASK GROUPS

3.1 Farmers Market (Christine Sinclair)

Road closure permission for 3rd Thursdays up to September has been granted, together with three 5th Saturdays on 31st May, 28th June and 30th August. Seaford Town Council and Lewes District Council had been very supportive of the Saturday proposals which would give the opportunity for working residents to shop at the markets and also provide an attraction into the town for the many visitors to the beach on Saturdays. It is hoped that these will also be attracted to try the range of other shops in the town.

A meeting is being planned by the Chamber of Commerce on 13th March to enable the partnership to talk to Chamber members about the farmers market and other projects.

Ted Cowdrey will talk to the Local Economic Business Partnership (LEBC) about car parking problems.

Christine hopes for more stalls with a broader range to be available at the Saturday markets.

There is a possibility of crabs, wicker work and other Sussex crafts. Negotiations are in hand with Seddlescombe Vineyard.

It was agreed that Christine should be compensated for the extra hours which will be involved. Now that six markets have taken place, we shall seek accreditation with NAFM (subject to costs).

3.2 Skills Demand & Supply (Chris Hart)

Chris Hart confirmed the arrangements for the breakfast launch meeting of Passport to Success on 23rd January at Diella's , Dane Road from 8.30am . Invitations had been sent out and the guest speaker will be David Philips of Steamer Trading - an award winning local business. Training managers Nicolas Fuller and Yvonne Goddard have been appointed and briefed and are already conducting interviews with interested businesses to establish their training needs. A preliminary progress report has been sent to SEEDA (copies available at the meeting).

3.3 First Stop Shop and Seaford Forum (Jon Freeman)

First Stop Shop

a) Stage 2 - Station Project

Jon Freeman reported that the SWOT analysis to up-date the station project and include the development of the railway land South of the track on the North of the Salts will be proceeded with when Ted Cowdrey is available..

Talks with Railtrack and the Strategic Rail Authority will be sought when the SWOT analysis is complete..

b) Seaford Forum

The next Forum had been planned for the last Friday in January (31st January) but this would depend on what arrangements Joan Pearce is able to make.

The Maritime Festival would be included and other subjects if possible.

c) Publicity

Seaford Gazette is still continuing to publicise our activities including the farmers market (and its very few critics!!!).

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

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

b) Corsica Hall

Jon Freeman reported that a meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 15th January at St James Club at 5pm to discuss the implications of the sale of Corsica Hall. Caren Ford and Chris Hart will attend on behalf of Seaford Head Community college, together with John Burns and any other interested parties.

The object is to discuss how any new owners can be persuaded to allow some community use of the building for the benefit of the residents of Seaford.

3.5 Transport and Safe Routes to School (Ted Cowdrey)

a) ESCC designs for the school crossings is awaited

3.6 Waste Disposal Task Group (Jon Freeman)

a) Task Group

A meeting was held earlier on 8th January at which a Sainsburies spokesman described the measures their stores take to ensure efficient recycling.

The next meeting will take place on 12th February at which three to four points will be selected to run with.

3.7 Seafront Improvements, Tourism and Culture (David Schueler)

a) Seafront Improvements

Next meeting is due 15th January. Costs are being obtained for the Heritage trail for an overall bid for the boards & leaflets from Local Heritage Initiative
STC have agreed that £1000 from the £5000 grant can be used to pay for the design work.

LDC cabinet considering repairs to existing Salts café for 2-3years pending results of Salts/Station bids

Skatepark facilities,. Funding of £8500 promised each from STC and from LDC and £1000 agreed from £5000 STC grant to SCP towards a total cost of £25,000.

b) Seahaven Maritime Festival -

Programme & Budget meetings held. Len Fisher looking at printed programme with sponsorship and free delivery to Newhaven and Seaford by Safeways.

LDC contributing £3k, Newhaven and Seaford Town Councils £1k each. This will allow most functions to take place but some further sponsorship being sought.

NCDA are writing to all organisations for confirmation of their intention to take part.

3.8 Cinema Club

120 people attended the December show - The Importance of Being Ernest

The January shows are My Big Fat Greek Wedding and Lilo & Stitch and in February the latest Bond film will be shown (8th Feb)

3.9 Youth Strategy

Held over until February

4. Partnership Accounts

A detailed statement of accounts is being prepared broken down into appropriate cost centres.

Budgets are to be prepared covering both administration costs and also project funding requirements.

5. LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (Owen Clifford)

At the meeting held on 6th January the draft Lewes Community Strategy was discussed and it was agreed that further work is required on the District wide projects. The main key issues are Transport and Youth issues.

In the case of local bus services a Plumpton company - RDH is interested in working with LSPs and Area Partnerships in providing differential services linking up outskirts of towns and their centres.

Links could be provided for Cinema Clubs (and farmers markets)

In the case of Youth affairs individual towns should make their own appropriate arrangements.

Next meeting - 23rd March 2003

7. SEAFORD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP CONSTITUTION

David Schueler is visiting SDCVS to finalise arrangements for signatures and submission to Companies House.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Cuckmere Valley Marshland

Tony Rosewell reported that he is on a panel of speakers on this subject at a meeting in the Golden Galleon in January. It was agreed to leave discussion on this until after the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 5th February 2003

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