

SEAFORD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

TASK GROUP FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SEAFRONT FACILITIES & TOURISM PROMOTION

Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 27th November 2002

0. Present:

Peggy Crossman, David Schueler, Pauline Gower, Laurie Holland, Stuart Adcock, Kay Turvey, Tony Rowsewell, Ted Cowdrey, Jackie Ellis, Andrew Elliston Ellhin, Owen Clifford, Geoffery State (LDC)

Also Kevin and Abigail Baker discussing the Heritage Trail design

1. Apologies

Peter Sinclair

2. Minutes of Meeting 8thg October 2002

Approved

3. Heritage Trail and Historic Features

The design of the proposed heritage trail boards and maps was presented by Kevin and Abigail. This is in the form of a map of the town with pictorial drawings of prominent and historical buildings together with descriptive text where suitable.

The committee gave enthusiastic approval of the proposals.

David Schueler confirmed that the partnership had obtained approval to fund up to £1000 for the design and artwork from the grant being made to them by the town council.

Funding needs to be sought for the boards themselves which will be located at locations including the Salts (or Bonningstedt Parade, Hurdis House, Station, St Leonards Church and the Martello Tower.

It is proposed to have leaflets based on the heritage trail board design. In addition it is proposed to have about 20 plaques mounted on buildings of historic interest or which had housed famous people.

Geoff State, LDC funding officer, suggested a suitable funding source - Local Heritage Initiative - and tabled copies of the guidelines and application forms.

Funding could include the launch event costs, national publicity and costs of the boards, leaflets and plaques. ESCC costs for installing boards on the highway should be included in the bid and also for planning permission. Mr J. McFaddian of ESCC should be consulted on highway issues.

Permission for mounting these plaques needs to be obtained from the owners of the buildings. The plaques should be blue and white to standard English Heritage designs.

In addition planning permission will be necessary for the heritage trail boards and the plaques - particularly for listed buildings.

Costing figures for all of these aspects need to be produced as soon as practicable to enable a bid to be made to LHI

Priorities for the work are: Artwork, Leaflets, Boards, Plaques

Kevin and Abigail confirmed the boards would have a weather and vandal proof surface. They were thanked for the excellent work which they are putting into this project

4. Regeneration of the Salts Recreation Ground.

Owen Clifford advised that the LDC cabinet had discussed the future of the present Salts Café. It was agreed that repairs need to be carried out to ensure it is sufficiently secure and watertight to enable it to function for the next year - plus a further two years pending bringing about the SCP ideas for the Salts

Lottery funding may be available for up to 50/60% of the SCP ideas for the areas adjacent to the seafront. However a holistic approach is needed to include the other areas being considered.

The existing Salts users need to be consulted, including Rugby, Tennis, golf etc. Ideas for a leisure area on the North side of the Salts are being considered including the Station project and extensions of medical services in this area.

It was agreed that a project outline, SWOT analysis and business plan needs to be developed - for discussion with LDC and the town council.

The plans need to include projected usage and need and should take into account youth facilities etc. Sustainability is important and also a plan for the construction and future management will be required.

Community Capital funds are at present £7m but are reducing to £5.25 in the South East and there will be considerable competition for this money.

Owen Clifford recommended that a major plan could be drawn up for the whole project but the SCP should look for suitable staged funding for different pockets based on sources favouring health, sport, recreation, education, culture, youth etc.

Owen also suggested it might be helpful if Seaford became part of the South East Rural Towns Partnership.

Andrew Elliston Elhinn advised that he should be able to produce copies of his proposals for the Salts café and embankment designs at the next meeting for inclusion in the material to be discussed with the LDC and STC.

5. Skate Board Facilities in Seaford.

It was noted that that the Town Council has agreed to contribute £8500 to this project, Seaford Community Partnership £1000 and LDC £8500. This leaves a further £7000 to find for a project cost of £25000.

It was suggested that funding sources could include "Awards for All" (up to £5000), police, or 'People against Drugs' etc.

6. Lifeguards Headquarters

The plans for the new headquarters are basically similar to the original plans but now include a First Aid room.

Funding plans for this should be included in the overall project and business plan for the Salts.

7. Renovation of Seafront Facilities

7.1 Direction signs - Being investigated with the heritage trail

7.2 Beach huts and Shelters - pending transfer of assets

7.3 Catering Facilities - pending transfer of assets

8. Seafront Cycling

Construction of phase 1 is expected to start in the new calendar year.

9. Seaford to Newhaven Tidemills Greenway

A new cycling officer has been appointed, who is preparing a bid for this Greenway

10. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 15th January at 7pm at Hurdis House, Broad Street, Seaford
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