



## Seaford Town Council

Minutes of the **Meeting** of the **Seaford Town Council** held at **The Council Chamber, 37 Church Street, Seaford** on **Monday 27 January 2014** at **7.00pm**.

### **Present:**

Councillor Mark Brown (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors S Adeniji, R Allen, B Burfield, S Dunn, P Franklin, S Gauntlett, T Goodman, A Hayder, P Heseltine, A Latham, R Needham, S McStravick, L Wallraven, B Warren & I White.  
Mrs S Shippen, Ms E Harvey – Seaford Town Council.

45 Members of the public.

### **C56 Election of Mayor**

Members considered report 135/13.

**C56.1** It was **RESOLVED** to **RECEIVE** the resignation of Anthony White as both Councillor and Mayor.

A recorded vote was requested for the election of Mayor.

Councillor S Adeniji	No
Councillor R E Allen	Yes
Councillor M Brown	Yes
Councillor B Burfield	Yes
Councillor S Dunn	Yes
Councillor P Franklin	Yes
Councillor S Gauntlett	No
Councillor T Goodman	Yes
Councillor A Hayder	No
Councillor P Heseltine	Yes
Councillor A Latham	No
Councillor S McStravick	No
Councillor R Needham	No
Councillor B Warren	Yes
Councillor L Wallraven	Yes
Councillor I J White	Yes

**C56.2** It was **RESOLVED** to **ELECT** Councillor M Brown as Mayor for the remainder of the 2013/14 municipal year.

The Mayor thanked the Council for their vote of confidence and advised that he will do his best to support activities in the town during his time in office. He advised that he would be supporting two charities namely: - Waves – a family support charity based in Church Street and Seahaven Storehouse – a local food bank which is part of Seaford Community Church.

**C56.3** The Council considered the election of a Deputy Mayor. It was **RESOLVED** to **ELECT** Councillor T Goodman for the remainder of the 2013/14 municipal year. The Deputy Mayor thanked the Council for their support in voting for him.

**C56.4** It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** a thank you to Anthony White for his contribution to the town as Mayor of Seaford.

**C57 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor B Groves and Young Mayor Georgia Coyler.

**C58 Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2013 be **APPROVED** and were signed by the Mayor.

**C59 Public Participation**

The Mayor advised that he was willing to extend the time for public participation by five minutes.

*Karen Watts*                      *Notified Council that she had recently sent an e-mail to Councillor B Burfield and Councillor M Brown to which she had not received a response. The e-mail was regarding the council not having allocated a budget for the maintenance of pathways at the allotments for 2014-2015. She also asked for clarification of subscription and professional fees budgets in administration. She appealed for the Council to reconsider.*

*Cllr B Burfield*                      *Apologised to not replying immediately and advised he had received the e-mail and will reply in due course regarding this matter and any possible future grants, however, this matter is not included as an agenda item for this meeting.*

*Roger Foxwell*                      *Would like councillors to consider the importance of having a neighbourhood plan. He would like it as an agenda item on the next Council Meeting.*

*Bob Brown*                      *Would like to know if Sam Shippen works for National Association of Local Councils. If so, is it not a conflict of interests and does it not affect her role as Town Clerk.*

*Town Clerk*                      *Responded that she has never worked for National Association of Local Councils and currently works more than 37 hours a week as the Town Clerk for Seaford which is her contracted hours.*

*Tracy Willis*                      *Advised that a lot has been said about bullying recently. Does the Council know if in fact the Town Clerk has herself been subjected to bullying.*

*Keith Blackburn*                *Do we compare our council tax precepts to other local town councils like Newhaven, Lewes or Peacehaven. If so, what is the difference in any comparison.*

Cllr B Burfield                    Council tax precepts will be addressed on item 9 of this agenda and will be happy to answer any other questions after the meeting.

## **C60 Mayors Appointments and Communications**

### **C60.1 Mayors past and Future Engagements**

Council considered report 132/13.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the report.

**C60.2** The Mayor advised that following recent comments in the press and other social media he was proposing the creation of a Review Committee under Standing Order 15.

It was **RESOLVED** that a Review Committee be established in accordance with Standing Order 15; that the Leader & Deputy Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Minority Group be appointed to the Review Committee to be chaired by the Leader of the Council. That delegation of authority be given to the Review Committee to work with the Sussex Association of Local Councils to arrange an independent review of the points raised by Norman Baker MP in his press release of 20 January, to be carried out by a suitably experienced person unconnected with Seaford Town Council or its staff.

### **C60.3 Young Mayor's Report**

Council considered report 133/13.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the report.

## **C61 Police Report**

Members considered a written report on policing in Seaford previously circulated. The Town Clerk advised that Sgt Mullins was unable to attend the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** the Police Report.

## C62 Additional Budget Items for Consideration

Members considered report 137/13.

The Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee advised that as costs for festoon lighting on the seafront and the pavilion at Martello Fields had not been provided it was difficult to include them. He further advised that as the councillor who was promoting the inclusion of a bus shelter at Walmer Road has resigned, another councillor would need to champion that project. The Chairman of Community Services Committee confirmed that a private sponsor had come forward to promote the seafront webcam at no direct cost to the Council.

It was **RESOLVED** that no additional items be taken forward to the budget for 2014-2015.

## C63 Budget for 2014-2015

**C63.1** Members considered report 138/13. Net projected outturn 2013-2014. A recorded vote was requested.

Councillor S Adeniji	Yes
Councillor M Brown	Yes
Councillor B Burfield	Yes
Councillor S Dunn	Yes
Councillor P Franklin	Yes
Councillor S Gauntlett	Yes
Councillor T Goodman	Yes
Councillor A Hayder	Yes
Councillor P Heseltine	Yes
Councillor A Latham	Yes
Councillor S McStravick	Yes
Councillor R Needham	Yes
Councillor B Warren	Yes
Councillor L Wallraven	Yes
Councillor I White	Yes

*Councillor R Allen did not vote.*

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Council projected net outturn of 497,742 for 2013-2104.

**C63.2** Net Council budget requirement for 2014-2015.

Councillor S Adeniji	No
Councillor M Brown	Yes
Councillor B Burfield	Yes
Councillor S Dunn	Yes
Councillor P Franklin	Yes
Councillor S Gauntlett	No
Councillor T Goodman	Yes
Councillor A Hayder	No
Councillor P Heseltine	Yes

Councillor A Latham	No
Councillor S McStravick	No
Councillor R Needham	No
Councillor B Warren	Yes
Councillor L Wallraven	Yes
Councillor I White	Yes

*Councillor R Allen did not vote.*

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Council net budget requirements of £560,922 for 2014-2015.

**C63.3** The Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee explained the proposal of the Council budget and Council tax proposal. A recorded vote was requested.

Councillor S Adeniji	No
Councillor R E Allen	Yes
Councillor M Brown	Yes
Councillor B Burfield	Yes
Councillor S Dunn	Yes
Councillor P Franklin	Yes
Councillor S Gauntlett	No
Councillor T Goodman	Yes
Councillor A Hayder	No
Councillor P Heseltine	Yes
Councillor A Latham	No
Councillor S McStravick	No
Councillor R Needham	No
Councillor B Warren	Yes
Councillor L Wallraven	Yes
Councillor I White	Yes

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the precept in the sum of £557,502 for 2014-2015 including any grant to be received from Lewes District Council.

#### **C64 Belgrave Road Safe Crossing**

Members to consider report 139/13.

It was **AGREED** to **DELEGATE** the consideration of the provision of a crossing on Belgrave Road to the Planning and Highways Committee to be prioritised with other road safety and traffic improvements in the town.

#### **C65 Notification of Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council**

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the majority group notification of Councillor P Franklin as Leader of the Council and Councillor B Burfield as Deputy Leader of the Council for the remainder of the 2013/14 municipal year.

## **C66 Mr Don Mabey MBE**

Members to consider report 140/13.

**C66.1** It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** with sadness the death of Mr Don Mabey MBE, Freeman of Seaford on 18 December 2013.

**C66.2** It was **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** a donation of £200 being £50 to each of the four charities nominated by Mr Mabey's family.

**C66.3** It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a board detailing the Freeman of Seaford be erected.

*The Town Clerk advised that this was already planned subject to funding from the civic budget.*

**C66.4** It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a Mayor's Award be created in memory of Mr Don Mabey MBE. The award will be for someone providing services to the local community of Seaford and presented annually.

**C66.5** It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that the Golf Course Committee consider naming of a room at the New Seaford Head Golf Club in the memory of Mr Don Mabey MBE.

## **C67 Seaford Iconic Leisure Facility**

Members to consider report 136/13.

**C67.1** It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** that a contribution of £5000 be made to Lewes District Council towards a feasibility study and business case being undertaken for a new water sports and leisure facility at The Salts Recreation Ground.

**C67.2** It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** that Seaford Town Council works in partnership with Lewes District Council and Wave Leisure on the proposal.

**C67.3** It was **RESOLVED** to **DELEGATE** authority to the Town Clerk, Leader of the Council and the Projects & Facilities Manager to facilitate the next development stages and report to the Community Services Committee as appropriate.

## **C68 Martello Tower Lease**

Members to consider report 141/13.

It was **RESOLVED** that no action is taken at present pending the Independent Review as agreed at C60.2

The meeting finished at 9.01pm.

Councillor M Brown  
Mayor