

Seaford Town Meeting

Minutes of the Town Meeting held at Seaford Head Golf Clubhouse, Southdown Road, Seaford on Tuesday 28 April 2014 at 7.00 pm.

Present from Seaford Town Council:

Councillors M Brown (Mayor), B Burfield, S Dunn, T Goodman and A White.

Young Mayor Millie Hemsley and Deputy Young Mayor Gabrielle Edwards.

Mr J Corrigan (Town Clerk), Mr O Stanyard (Business Manager), Miss G Raeburn (PA to the Town Clerk) and Miss J Pollard (Administrative Assistant).

Approximately 90 members of the public were also in attendance.

1. Welcome and Introductions by the Mayor

The Mayor welcomed the attendees and outlined the format of the evening.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held 29th April 2014 were agreed by the meeting and signed by the Mayor.

3. Seaford Town Council Annual Report 2014/15

The Town Clerk introduced the 2014/15 Annual Report. The Clerk gave a presentation on the report and a general overview of the role of the Town Council and its areas of responsibility. The Clerk then invited questions and comments from the public in relation to the Annual Report.

4. Salts Play Area Contractor Announcement

The Clerk announced that further to the public consultation earlier in the month, Kompan have been voted as the preferred contractor for the play area within the Salts Recreation Ground.

The Clerk gave a presentation and overview of the process, explaining that Council Officers and Kompan are reviewing all the feedback from the consultation and looking at ways in which they can make additions or amendments to the design to incorporate this feedback such as; additional toddler swings, a play tunnel and having a nautical/pirate theme, among others.

The contract should be signed with Kompan by the beginning of May and it is expected that the equipment should be in place in time for the start of the Summer holidays.

The Clerk extended his thanks, on behalf of the Council and public, to Ben King, Projects & Facilities Manager, for all his hard work and effort on this project.

5. Reports from Recipients of Large Grants

Verbal and visual reports were given by representatives of recipients of large grants awarded by Seaford Town Council in 2014-15 from the Seaford Bonfire Society, Seaford Community Partnership, Seaford Lifeguards, Seaford Musical Theatre & SMT Juniors, Seaford Rugby Football Club and Seaford Town Football Club.

6. Reports by the Mayor's Charities

Representatives from Seahaven Storehouse and Waves both gave a brief summary of the work the organisations have undertaken and its future plans. Both thanked the Mayor for his support and fundraising assistance over the last Municipal Year.

7. Mayor's Community Awards

The Mayor presented the annual Mayor's Awards, for individuals and organisations that have helped support and enrich the town and its residents or have inspired others with their personal stories and accomplishments.

The awardees were Isabel Trenfield (overcoming adversity), Charlotte Woodgate (overcoming disability and charity work), Paula Woolven (services to young people through the theatre), Jenny Thornton (level of customer service and improvements at Seaford train station), Geoff Stonebanks (promoting Seaford through his open garden and charity fundraising), Think School Travel (working for the safety of our school children), Waves (helping disadvantaged families) and Seahaven Storehouse (providing food resources and support to disadvantaged residents and families of Seaford).

2015 is the second year of the prestigious Don Mabey MBE Award; awarded to individuals who have gone above and beyond with their services to the town and its residents. This year this honour was awarded to Peter Gwillam who among many other voluntary duties and services has been Chairman of Seaford Lifeguards for over 15 years, helping to ensure the safety of the town's residents and visitors; a truly admirable voluntary service.

8. Question & Answer Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm.

Councillor Mark Brown
Mayor of Seaford