



Seaford Town Council

Minutes of the **Meeting** of the **Seaford Town Council** held at **The Council Chamber, 37 Church Street, Seaford** on **Thursday 7 November 2013** at **7.00pm**.

Present:

Councillor A White (Mayor)

Councillors S Adeniji, R Allen, M Brown, S Dunn, P Franklin, S Gauntlett, T Goodman, B Groves, A Hayder, P Heseltine, A Latham, S McStravick, L Wallraven and I White.

Miss M Hemsley (Deputy Young Mayor)

Mrs S Shippen, Miss G Raeburn – Seaford Town Council

5 members of the public

C 47 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors B Burfield, A Campbell, R Needham, R Scarfe and B Warren, Sgt S Mullins and Miss G Colyer (Young Mayor).

C 48 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 August 2013 be **APPROVED** and signed by the Mayor.

C 49 Public Participation

Christina Latham Asked if the Council was aware of any planning applications submitted to Lewes District Council to develop the Buckle car park into flats.

Town Clerk Seaford Town Council have not received any notifications of any planning applications from Lewes District Council to develop the area.

Mr Foxwell Item 9 on the Agenda - Representation of Outside Bodies; the Coastal Futures Group 2150 needs a Councillor as a representative.

Town Clerk The Coastal Futures Group has always had representation from a Councillor; it was Cllr T Goodman and Cllr M Brown previously.

Cllr C Lambert
(East Sussex
County Council) *Alongside Carol Edwards, Think School Travel.*
Requesting support from Seaford Town Council on a petition that has been presented to East Sussex County Council (ESCC) regarding safe crossing over Belgrave Road. An offer of support has been negotiated from ESCC to work alongside Seaford Town Council to gain funding for this. This would not be an ongoing cost to the Council. A physical copy of the petition was passed to the Mayor.

Cllr I White Various meetings have been held with ESCC to discuss the safety in town. Seaford Town Council's view on crossings is that it is more important to have a crossing on the A259 at Belgrave Road, then at Hill Rise or Bishopstone Road, than have a crossing in a back road. The Council understands the concerns and has looked at the plans, but cannot install a crossing from a pavement to a grass verge.

C 50 Mayors Appointments and Communications

C 50.1 Mayors Past and Future Engagements

Members considered report 94/13

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be **APPROVED**.

C 50.2 Young Mayors Report

Members considered report 95/13.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be **APPROVED**.

C 51 External Audit 2012/13

Members considered report 97/13, it was **APPROVED**.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council congratulate staff for an accurate and detailed financial report; the Councillors are very pleased with the Town Clerk's work.

C 52 Lewes District Council Special Expenses

Members considered report 96/13.

The Councillors requested a more detailed explanation from the Town Clerk.

Town Clerk Seaford Town Council has been raising issues regarding the allocation of funding of open spaces for a long time, as Seaford residents continue to supports assets not only in Seaford but also other areas. The Leader of Lewes District Council has said, further to the proposal being made to seek fairness in the funding of open spaces, that the response from areas not affected by the increase has been poor but the areas that are affected, namely Lewes and Newhaven, has been better.

Seaford residents would potentially see a decrease in the District Council figure of the Council Tax. Other towns could potentially take on their open spaces, giving a baseline of Council Tax for the district. Council Tax demands would have a new 'Special Expenses' row added.

C 52.1 The Open Spaces Consultation Survey was **APPROVED** to be answered as follows:

1. Yes
2. No
3. Yes

4. Yes
5. Yes
- 6 & 7. Shall not be answered by the Council.

C 52.2 It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** that a proposal is submitted for Seaford Town Council to gain control of the assets.

C 53 Lewes District Council Zero Heroes

Members considered report 98/13.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** that Councillors help the community gain access to the funding being made available.

C 54 Representation of Outside Bodies

The members considered report 100/13.

C 54.1 It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the appointment of Cllr P Franklin as a representative to the Base Management Committee.

C 54.2 It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the appointment of Cllr B Groves as a representative to the Coastal Futures Group.

C 55 Table & Chairs

The members considered report 99/13.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the sale of the ornate table and chairs at auction, care of Cllr P Franklin, where they would be subject to open market value.

The meeting finished at 7.57pm.

Councillor A White
Mayor