



## Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Climate Change Sub Committee on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Held at the Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG at 7.00pm.

### Present:

Councillors C Bristow (Chair), R Buchanan (Vice Chair), R Honeyman, O Matthews, J Meek and I Taylor

Steve Quayle, Interim Town Clerk

Isabelle Moulard, Assistant Town Clerk

Simon Lambert, Golf Course Manager

Sharan Brydon, Assets & Projects Manager

There were 11 members of the public attendance

Councillor S Dubas attended in a non-voting capacity as a non-Sub-Committee member

### CC06/11/24 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

### CC07/11/24 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures of interests.

### CC08/11/24 Public Participation

| Speaker               | Statement   |
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| <i>Resident A</i>     | <p><i>Item 5</i></p> <p><i>Concerned that one third of the existing nature reserve is excluded from the proposed National Nature Reserve (NNR) maps.</i></p> <p><i>Urged the Sub-Committee to ensure all land in the existing nature reserve to be included in NNR.</i></p> |
| Town Council Response | Thanked the resident for their contribution   |
| <i>Resident B</i>     | <p><i>Item 5</i></p> <p><i>Expressed concerns over management of the NNR and</i></p>  |

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|                       | <i>urged the Sub-Committee to consider all land coming under control of one committee in-house.</i>  |
| Town Council Response | Thanked the resident for their contribution.   |
| <i>Resident C</i>     | <i>Item 5<br/>Highlighted the rising tourist numbers and the need to manage biodiversity, vehicle use and road safety, and facilities needed for tourists such as toilets.<br/>Urged the Sub-Committee to consider an educational facility at South Hill Barn and for Hope Gap steps to be reinstated.</i> |
| Town Council Response | Thanked the resident for their contribution.   |
| <i>Resident D</i>     | <i>Item 5<br/>Advised that it is vital the South Downs aquifer is protected and sustained.<br/>Highlighted that tourism is driving a higher need for water in the area and that walking on the downland is impacting the aquifer.<br/>Urged for Hope Gap steps to be reinstated.</i>                       |
| Town Council Response | Thanked the resident for their contribution.   |

## **CC09/11/24 Climate Change Update Report – November 2024**

The Committee considered report 111/24 providing the Sub-Committee with an update on the key work being undertaken by the Town Council in relation to the Climate Emergency. It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

*(7.28pm - the Committee **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders to receive a presentation on the Seven Sisters National Nature Reserve.)*

*(8.23pm - Standing Orders were reinstated.)*

## **CC10/11/24 Seven Sisters National Nature Reserve – Update & Consideration of Next Steps**

The Committee considered report 110/24 seeking a recommendation to Full Council about the Town Council's involvement in the Seven Sisters National Nature Reserve.

**CC10.1** It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

**CC10.2** It was **PROPOSED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council the following:

**CC10.2a** To **AGREE** land at Seaford Head, boundaries yet to be confirmed, as part of the Seven Sister's National Nature Reserve, by providing a letter of intent, and

**CC10.2b** To **APPROVE** Seaford Town Council becoming an Approved Body via Natural England's processes and under section 35 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 in order to manage the land as a National Nature Reserve.

; these **MOTIONS** were **CARRIED**.

*(8.48pm - ten members of the public left the meeting and a short comfort break was held until 8.55pm)*

### **CC11/11/24 Paper & Print Strategy**

The Committee considered report 112/24 allowing the Sub-Committee to consider the Town Council's strategic approach towards the usage of paper and printing.

**CC11.1** It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

**CC11.2** It was **PROPOSED** to **AGREE** to approve future steps proposed by Officers, to bring a comprehensive print and paper reduction strategy proposal to Full Council for their consideration; the **MOTION** was **CARRIED**.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Councillor C Bristow

Chair of Climate Change Sub-Committee