

SEAFORD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ---1ST SEPTEMBER 2020

In attendance:- Chairman: Keith Blackburn, Directors: Gail Elhinn, Richard Honeyman, Jane Keel, Hilary Milfin.
Representatives from Community Organisations.

Apologies :- Anif Essaji, Jean Cash, Mark Brown, Keith Ross, Olivia Honeyman, Mar Forrester, Mike Logan, Gemma McFarlane

1. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.
2. Annual Report and Accounts 2018/2019:- A report on the Assets and Liabilities was distributed. A full set of accounts will be prepared when Covid 19 restrictions facilitate. The deadline for completion is January 2021. S.C.P. has asked for a grant of £400 from S.T.C. £270 would be used to pay 3rd Party Liability Insurance. The Annual Report had been distributed and was approved.
3. Swindells LLP, Chartered Accountants, Wilson House, 48 Brooklyn Road, Seaford, BN25 2DX, were appointed Examiners.
4. Election of Officers :- Six of the seven Directors are serving their 3 year term. Jane Keel has resigned as she takes up her position of Chairman of the Seaford Museum and Heritage Society. The Chairman offered the organisation's thanks for Jane's work with the S.C.P. Charlie Grimble was then elected to serve in the vacant post.
5. Election of Officers:- Keith Blackburn was proposed as Chairman. Gail Elhinn was proposed as Secretary/Finance Officer. Both were dually elected.
6. Overview of Future Plans:-
Richard Honeyman updated the group on the work of the Council. The Neighbourhood Development Plan has been adopted. Revenue streams have been severely affected by Covid 19 restrictions. The Golf Club re-opened in May but half of the staff have been furloughed. Mayor Rodney Reed stressed that, with budget restrictions, there will be an increase in virtual events and a great deal of reliance on volunteers; obtaining value for money and reducing costs were a priority .
Concerns were expressed about the post of Town Clerk being unfilled. Some felt that the influence of an able Town Clerk was essential in progressing initiatives. The Town Clerk was seen as an important link

between Council and Town. On the other hand, it was argued that savings of salary from a vacancy could fund other areas where there is a shortfall.

Chairman Keith Blackburn summarized the future plans for the S.C.P. He stressed that the S.C.P. was not a pressure group but rather about accomplishing beneficial changes to our town environment. The Gateway initiative sought to improve the connection between town and seafront; increasing disabled access and encouraging visitors to the seafront to spend in the town. Pavement signage is envisioned. Funding is being provided by the Chamber of Commerce.

7. A.O.B.

Clare Summers, representing Plastic Free Seaford, expressed concern over the continued use of single-use plastic cups at one food outlet. She was advised that, if the vendor does not respond, she should contact the licensing authority.

The Climate Change Project was highlighted. The key is to have both a long and short term view. A Lottery bid of £150,00 is being sought. This would, in part, pay for two part-time employees to cost and develop the current development project.

A bid for £40,00 has been made for development work to turn the lower Ouse Estuary into an area where flood waters can be channeled, enlarging the nature reserve to include Tidemills. A plan to enhance local green spaces will see 40 local residents divided into 4 groups. These will act as "Friends Groups".

A map of a network of cycle/ pedestrian pathways has been created.

An in-depth discussion took place regarding the efficacy of compiling a list of volunteers, and their particular skills, who were willing to contribute their time for the good of the town. This will be an agenda item at the next Director's Meeting. (Action Keith Blackburn)

It was suggested that, along with publishing the work of the Partnership, the time was right to draft an article for the Seaford Scene inviting people to contribute their skills for the benefit of the town. (Action: Neal Richardson to provide a draft).

A representative of the newly created Seaford Environmental Alliance was welcomed and, after a brief discussion, was invited (Action: Simon MacFarlane) to consider how the Alliance could provide strategic assistance to the Partnership.

The Chairman was then thanked for his efforts and leadership in the cause of community enhancement.

Meeting adjourned 9:18 p.m.