

**SEAFORD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
CROSSWAYS CENTRE, CLINTON PLACE
AGM 4 SEPTEMBER 2023.19:00
Minutes**

Meeting started at 19:05

Present:

Keith Blackburn Director & Chair),
Richard Wright (Director)
Richard Honeyman (Director)
Charlie Grimble (Director)
Cllr. Christine Brett (Director)
Cllr. Rod Buchanan (STC)

Stephanie Mills (SDNPA), Mike Roper (SCP & Seaford Rotary), Jane Keel (Seaford Museum), Simon Keel (Seaford Museum), Jenny Tillyard (Trees for Seaford), Catharine Wells (Trees for Seaford, On the Verge, Seaford Natural History Society), Simon McFarlane (Sharing Skills), Kevin Rice (SCP), Michael Logan (Seaford Horticultural Society), Chris Conil, Sue Conil, Lynette James (Seaford resident), Gerald Smith (Bishopstone resident).

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies.** Christine Bristow, Dinah Pryor (OTV & TFS), Margery Diamand (TFS), Hilary Mifflin (SCP). Cllr. Sam Adeniji,
3. **Minutes of the AGM 25 July 2022** These were received and approved for signature..
4. **Matters Arising** None
5. **Approval of Annual Accounts for year ending 5 April 2023.** Noted the correction of fact under the section '**Recruitment and appointment of new directors**' to delete 'with no maximum limit' and insert 'and a maximum of seven directors'. With this amendment, the Report of the Directors and Financial Statements for the year ended 5 April 2023 were approved unanimously.
6. **Election of Directors** It was proposed and seconded, and approved unanimously that Michael Roper be appointed as Director of Seaford Community Partnership immediately, for a period of three years.
7. **Presentations: Partnership Projects**
 - a) **Ouse Valley Climate Action Project** Stephanie Mills presented the framework and progress on some of the many diverse projects within this £2m National Lottery Community Fund scheme including projects b),d),e) & f).
 - b) **Ouse Valley Nature Reserve Extension.** CG spoke briefly on this project which having been started by SCP is now becoming a mainstream project within the OVCA programme with £28.5k allocated to it to develop a firm baseline for community involvement in developing the project under the guidance of SDNPA.
 - c) **Friends of Local Green Spaces.** CG reported that this initiative had sadly come to an end because there was not enough capacity with SCP's partner Martello Rotary, to

develop the overall project. Individual sites however may progress separately where there is now a good local network of residents support.

d) Trees for Seaford There was no report from TFS.

e) Encouraging Cycling in Seaford Simon McFarlane reported on the Cyclefest that took place in the summer bringing together 16 organisations and 200 people. Next year a sustainability Fair is planned

f) Cliff Gardens Project Mike Roper did a PowerPoint presentation on the progress being made with this project. The next key steps are the obtaining of Planning Permission, followed by a stopping-up Order, by December 2023, followed by the construction at the Esplanade end of the first bed. The Project aims for completion by March 2025, thanks to contributions from the OVCA funding, UK Shared Prosperity Fund, and Community Infrastructure Levy.

8. Updates on other Organisations' work. Mention was made of the Walk the Chalk Project taking place on Seaford Head Nature Reserve at the end of the month. and the work done on SCP's behalf with the Sussex Downs Steering Group to improve signage for visitors to the town by railway, with information boards at both Bishopstone and Seaford stations, supplemented by leaflets and entries on local websites.

9. Any Other Business There was none.

The meeting closed at 20:30

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