

SEAFORD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING 20
held at St James' Club (Seaford Volunteers)
Wednesday 3 July 2002

1. Introduction and Apologies

Mike Murphy took the chair of the meeting, explaining the David Schueler was unwell and would be unable to attend and had requested that he do so. Apologies were also received from Colin Brown, Audrey Whitney, Linda Hallum, Pauline Gower and Christine Hart.

2. Minutes of Meeting no 19 – 12th June 2002

The Minutes were approved.

3. Report from Thematic Groups

3.1 Farmers Market

Christine Sinclair reported on the first Farmers Market held on Thursday 20th June from 9.00am to 1.00pm. The Mayor opened the first Market. There was a very good turn out of customers with 9 stall holders all pleased with the custom. (Note: Baker sold out by 11.00am.) Pre – event press coverage was excellent in all papers. Some surveys carried out of customers – public very enthusiastic, they would like to see more fresh vegetables and fruits and meat. Ted Cowdrey produced a list of Seaford traders, with details of deals on offer, and this was distributed. Christine also reported that she had been to Bentley Food fair and made some contacts. Next time there will be a cookery demonstration. Christine asked to check the environmental aspects of cookery demo.

3.2 Skills Demand and Supply

It was reported that the bid to South East Learning and Skills Council for funding for flexible training for SMEs was not successful. Bid also submitted to SEEDA results awaited.

3.3 First Stop Shop and Seaford Forum

- a) Mary Crutch reported on the start of the First Stop Shop at the Old Town Hall which was inaugurated on the 24th May.
- b) SWOT still to be done.
- c) Seaford Forum arrangement for the meeting on the 26th July majoring on Youth Activities were discussed. It was agreed that Mary Crutch would urgently convene a meeting of the Forum Group to discuss the meeting.
- d) Reported that D Schueler had rewritten the leaflet about the SCP activities and this was distributed at the Farmers Market, the Forum, the Library, Hurdis House, TIC etc..

3.4 Cradle Hill Industrial Estate Improvements

Peter Sinclair referred to the vacant plot near the recycling centre and also spoke of the need to improve the junction with Alfriston Road and to improve signage. Reported that Diana Francombe is interested in doing an energy audit with the traders. A breakfast meeting is being arranged with the traders. Ted Cowdray had nothing to report from the Chamber of Commerce.

3.5 Transport and Safe Routes to School

Ted Cowdray reported that the presentation to schools about safe routes will be on the 26th September. Position of crossings had been agreed in principal and drawings were being worked up. Ted Cowdrauy to make a presentation to the Town Council on the 4th July. Peter Sinclair raised his desire to make a bid for money for the Seafront route to Newhaven. Maps of the Seafront route had been requested from County.

3.6 Seafront Improvements

The next meeting on Heritage Trails, Salts and Seafront refurbishment is on the 31st July. The next meeting about the Maritime Festival is on the 24th July.

3.7 Cinema Club

It was reported that the preparations for the Cinema Club at the Down are well on track. Chairs have been purchased. The Town Council hope to provide some money to help with costs of the seating.

4. Local Strategic Partnerships

It was reported that five area partnerships are now up and running. Common themes are being developed.

5 Interreg III Joint Bid

It was reported that the Sussex University bid for training project workers only requires each partnership to demonstrate they can commit a minimum of £10,000 to any project arising from the development work of the trainee who would give us 20 hours a week over a years term time. STC are satisfied with this applying to their committment of £5,000 to the partnership and the other £5,000 can be regarded as “in kind” funding. Sussex University is to proceed with the bid.

6 “The Seaford Community Partnership” Constitution

Letters to all founder organisation requesting agreement to their representatives becoming directors/ trustees being issued. ESCC have agreed Michael Murphy in this capacity. Others in pipeline. It was noted that we need to get a headed notepaper organised.

7 A.O.B.

- a) Date of next meeting 14th August 2002
- b) SEEDA Regional Economic Strategy on their web site. Comments requested.

MJM