

SEAFORD REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 11 held at St James' Club (Seaford Volunteers) 3rd October 2001

Present:

Cllr David Schueler	Cllr Michael Murphy	Cllr Jon Freeman
Mary Crutch	Paul Rideout	Tony Rowswell
Cllr Laurie Holland	Christine Hart	Peter Sinclair
Joan Pearce	Inspector Ron Preddy	Cllr Duncan White
Owen Clifford	Christine Sinclair	
Guest Speaker - John Magness		

1. Introductions and Apologies

Cllr Jon Freeman was welcomed as the new representative for Seaford Wide
Apologies received from Maggie Simon, Pauline Gower, Sue Moffatt, Ted Cowdrey, Colin Brown

2. Presentation by John Magness - Direct of Finance & Community Services - LDC

Mr Magness explained that previously the LDC had had consultation with the business communities but are now engaging with the various partnerships in ,or coming into, being - such as the Seaford Community Partnership. It is important for the SCP to advise LDC of their priorities for the coming municipal year.

Under government priorities, for 2002/2003 under the Public Services Agreement it is necessary for LDC to achieve more than the prescribed standards in exchange for less financial instructions. Best Value performance important.

LDC priorities includes the introduction of kerb-side recycling. Statutory services must be maintained but leisure activities are a discretionary cost in which the availability of financial resources will determine what can be done.

Where partnerships are looking for LDC funding, the presentation of bids will be very important. Partnerships need to determine who will bid for funds, who will provide match funding and who will manage their projects. It is important for the Seaford Partnership to have seminars on establishing a suitable constitution and effective bidding for funding.

Mr Magness explained:

- Relationship of inflation to LDC's spending levels
- Budget changes from 1998/99 to 2002/2003.
- Reserve capping powers
- Relationship of payments for local services by council tax payers, Government and business rate payers
- Break down of total Council Tax bill for 2001/2002
- How the LDC Council Tax is calculated

3. Minutes of Meeting No. 10 - 5th September

Agreed

3.1 Further discussions are taking place with Peter Crowley, LDC Manager of Community Services regarding the establishment of a Cinema Club at the Downs Leisure Centre.

4. Reports from the Thematic Task Groups

Nigel Pargiter handed over a sample project pro-forma showing the detail and information which should be produced as the basis for bids for funding.

4.1 Seafront Improvement and Tourism (David Schueler)

A meeting of all interested parties will be convened to discuss and work up detailed proposals with costings.

4.2 Local Transport (Ted Cowdrey) -

Weekly meetings of the task group are taking place and a SWAT analysis is being made on Safe Roads to School and NCP cycle routes (secondary). This will be worked up into a presentation at the SCP November meeting.

It was agreed that presentations should be made to the town council and Seaford Head Community college should also be consulted.

It was also agreed that GOVIA should be approached directly regarding the Station redevelopment ideas.

4.3 Community Centre and First Stop Shop (Jon Freeman/Mary Crutch)

Short Term Proposals

A bid has been made via Seaford Volunteers to New Horizons Trust for funding to refurbish the Old Town Hall and provide accommodation for an information desk manned by one person. This would include some computer and office equipment. This is subject to negotiations between the new owners, Seaford Town Council, and Seaford Volunteers for extensions to their present lease. The task group also proposes to hold via the Social Responsibility group, a Community Lunch forum meeting once a month at St James' Club. It is proposed to invite professional and volunteer groups to a lunch, comprising soup and a main meal followed by speakers and/or discussion sessions on various community needs and ideas for Seaford.

First available date is 25th January

Owen Clifford considered it would be a good idea to contact other groups, which are normally hard to reach.

St James is a good venue for display of information on Seaford plans, such as the cycling maps.

Long Term Proposals

Multiplex at Seaford Station

Medium Term Proposals

ESCC Annual Library Plan has an insert about the work SCP is doing regarding a new library. It would be advantageous to hold a meeting to discuss redevelopment of the existing site

4.4 Cradle Hill Industrial Estate and Business Park (Peter Sinclair)

A service improvement plan for the way LDC manage the Industrial Estate is in preparation. It is desirable to arrange for a Crime Prevention Officer to address the tenants

4.5 Town Centre Regeneration (Christine Sinclair/Paul Rideout)

Farmers Market

Target is a lively market in the town centre

Venues:

Place Lane considered but restrictions make it virtually non-viable

LDC Car Parks - Not available for public use.

High Street - Hole in the Wall area possible

Paul Rideout produced a work plan based on Lewes Market procedures.

Town Council and Chamber of Commerce to be involved and Seaford Traders to be consulted and kept informed.

Essential for locally produced food from Sussex to be sold.

Suggested that 4 trial markets should be held, two on a Saturday and two on a Thursday to determine the best day in the week.

Start in the spring of 2002

Must be self financing but some funding for start-up may be necessary.

A market manager will be needed.

Tourism

There was some discussion about the possibilities of pedestrianising the High Street and surrounds to make this area of the town more interesting for visitors. Initially this might comprise some car-free days in the month. ESCC would be the arbiter of this but the Town Clerk and the traders need to be consulted.

5. Partnership Constitution

The two workshops have been arranged for Tuesday 20th November and Tuesday 27th November at the Downs Leisure Centre Committee Room from 7 to 9pm

6. Coastal Renaissance Partnership Strategy Document

The draft report had been circulated by e-mail and further hard copies were available at the meeting.

Some comments regarding Seaford activities had been made to the authors. Any other comments should be sent to David Schueler before 10th October.

7. Family Festival Tuesday 30th October at Downs Leisure Centre

A stall had been booked on behalf of the SCP. Volunteers were requested to man it from 9am to 1pm. The cycling and traffic activities should be featured and David Schueler would prepare a general leaflet on the SCP's activities.

8. South Downs CVS Seminar on Funding

This was arranged for 25th October at St James' Club from 10am to 4pm. The seminar is free to members of the SCP.

9. Local Strategic Partnerships Open Day 25th September.

This had been attended by a number of SCP members under various hats. Discussions took place on the role of LSP's and what strategic areas of community activities they should cover. It was agreed that a further meeting should be held in October to explore these issues further and decide on the membership.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 7th November 2001 at St James' Club - 5.00pm

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