

# SEAFORD REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

## Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 12 held at St James' Club (Seaford Volunteers) 7<sup>th</sup> November 2001

### Present:

Cllr David Schueler	Cllr Michael Murphy	Cllr Jon Freeman
Mary Crutch	Paul Rideout	Tony Rowswell
Cllr Laurie Holland	Christine Hart	Peter Sinclair
Owen Clifford	Christine Sinclair	Maggie Simons
Cllr Pauline Gower		
Guest Speaker - Peter Crowley Manager Community Leisure (LDC)		
Stuart Alcock Manager Downs Leisure Centre		

### 1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies received from Sue Moffatt, Ted Cowdrey, Colin Brown

Inspector Ron Preddy has advised that on 26<sup>th</sup> November he is being transferred to Lewes and will be replaced in Seahaven by Inspector Mark Huff. Ron Preddy will advise Mark Huff of the existence of the SCP. A letter has been sent thanking Ron for his support.

### 2. Minutes of Meeting No.11 - 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2001

Agreed

Matters Arising:

The **Family Festival** at the Downs Leisure Centre had been well attended and the SCP stall attracted attention, particularly in respect of the maps demonstrating the concepts of Safe Cycling. A leaflet had been prepared setting out the membership and objectives of the Partnership.

Appreciation was expressed to the members who manned the stall

A number of members attended the seminar on **Fund Raising** which had been arranged by the Southdowns CVS and this gave a valuable insight into the processes and also how to find suitable funding organisations. Graham Allen, the facilitator will also be running the Partnership Constitution workshops on 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November.

### 3. Proposed Downs Cinema Club

Peter Crowley and Stuart Adcock had been invited to speak about the proposed cinema club to be set up at the Downs Leisure Centre.

Seaford has been without a general public cinema for 20 years (although there is a Seaford cinema Club with specialised showings). Peacehaven has already started the provision of a cinema facility (held in the Town Hall) and after varied initial interest, they have sufficient numbers to warrant long term booking for at least one showing a month.

Blatchington Hall is licensed for 200 people and the proposal is to use a licensed external company, CineMobile to show films currently in vogue for under 16s. The project would be run by a partnership of LDC Community Leisure and Seaford Community Partnership.

- A pilot scheme is proposed, consisting of four films. Screenings to be every fortnight and to alternate between a matinee aiming for the junior market and an evening screening aimed at the more adult market (e.g late primary school and 12-15 years). A paper was handed out showing details of the proposal and it is estimated that an initial total loss resulting from the pilot scheme could be in the region of £892 (using previous recommendations).

- The day of showing to be either on a Friday night, Saturday morning or a Sunday evening due to the availability of CineMobile and the availability of the hall through centre programming.
- The following dates are currently available from CineMobile in 2002:  
Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, June 16, 23, 30.
- The operational costs required for each screening could be split between both partners e.g
  - DLC - hall costs
  - Community Partnership - Volunteers to staff the screening (required for Health & Safety)
  - Distribute the marketing material
  - Both - Marketing costs associated with tickets/ press ads etc
- The pilot to commence from the end of January 2002 or the beginning of February
- The initial start up costs will also need to be considered. These would include blackout material, the costs of interlocking and fixing to the floor of the 200 seats

Members considered in principle it would be most desirable to have a cinema facility back in Seaford and the experiences of Peacehaven were encouraging. It was felt that Parent Teacher associations or the Mothers Union could be asked to provide the stewarding.

It was agreed that Peter Crowley's paper should be studied and at the next Steering Group meeting consideration be given to whether a task group should be set up to look into the details and particularly funding implications. Jane Spenser should be asked to join this together with parent association representatives and a representative from the SCP and Peter Crowley.

#### **4. Report on Skills Demand and Supply in East Sussex**

Chris Hart referred to the report "Skills for Change" which she was responsible for commissioning through the Learning Partnership, jointly with the CRP. This report, produced by RCU and Sussex Enterprise shows that the economy of Sussex is adversely affected by a lack of skills at all levels - in particular management and higher ITC skills.

A particular problem is that small businesses do not have the time to acquire appropriate skills nor teach them.

The first task is to raise awareness of the problem in Seaford. Funding could be available for a seminar for local businesses in order to ventilate the issues but contact with them is essential. Seaford Chamber of Commerce has a data-base of most companies operating in the town and the LDC economic development office should be able to help.

It was agreed that a Business Breakfast would be a suitable means of ventilating the issues. Nigel Pargiter had previously given some cost figures and Maggie Simons also had contacts for information on venues and catering. It was agreed that the Cradle Hill industrial estate would be suitable for a pilot seminar. It was suggested that LDC might help via the planning department and estates manager.

Early Years training needs to be explored and there is also a case for involving care homes. Publicity might be available via LA21's viewpoint and also articles in the local press, the Chamber of Commerce newsletter and the LDC District Link.

#### **5. Reports from the Thematic Task Groups**

##### **5.1 Seafront Improvement and Tourism (David Schueler)**

David Schueler reported that due to his general commitments in the Partnership it would be advisable for another member to take over the running of this task group. Some of the interested parties, including the Life Guards had been contacted regarding a meeting to take this task group forward but the scope of work is quite broad and several different groups need to be involved separately to cover the marine sports aspect, the proposed improvements to the promenade including catering and beach huts and also the heritage trail and historical aspects. Memers were asked to consider sharing some of these tasks.

## **5.2 Local Transport (Ted Cowdrey)**

A further distribution of forms on Safe Routes to Schools had been made and a great deal of interest had been found including amongst the visitors at the Family Festival

Questionnaires have been published again in the local press on bus routes and the information is now being collated.

At the weekly meetings of the task group to progress the transport issues, a SWAT analysis on Safe Routes to School and NCP cycle routes is being carried out for publication shortly.

GOVIA have been approached regarding the Station project. They are carrying out some redecoration but showed no interest at this stage in redevelopment of the building and land. It was agreed that further approaches should be made in the New Year for a joint meeting with GOVIA and the Bus companies regarding integrated transport issues.

## **5.3 Community Centre and First Stop Shop (Jon Freeman/Mary Crutch)**

The results of the bid which has been made via Seaford Volunteers to New Horizons Trust for funding to refurbish the Old Town Hall and provide accomodation for an information desk is awaited. This asset has now been transferred to Seaford Town Council and discussions with Seaford Volunteers for renewal of their lease will take place in due course.

The task group is now drawing up a draft list of people to invite to the proposed Social Forum lunches and meetings to be held once a month at St James' Club. First available date is 25<sup>th</sup> January at St James Club from 12 until 2pm.

A meeting of the Transport and Community Centre/First Stop Shop task groups will be held at 3pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at St James to discuss the provision of a new library and to promote the idea of this being integrated into the Station development proposals.

## **5.4 Cradle Hill Industrial Estate and Business Park (Peter Sinclair)**

A service improvement plan for the way LDC manage the Industrial Estate has been circulated to tenants for comment.

## **5.5 Town Centre Regeneration (Christine Sinclair/Paul Rideout)**

### **Farmers Market**

A meeting had been held in Lewes with SRCC and South Downs CVS to discuss requirements and to establish clear objectives. Sue Moffatt is also being consulted on issues such as licensing, environmental health and planning requirements etc.

One suitable funder for costs of a pilot scheme requires bids by Christmas and it is necessary to ensure that this does not clash with bids for other projects from the same funder.

Volunteers are urgently required to help Christine on this task group.

### **General**

David Schueler reported that he had contacted the Town Clerk with a proposal for the SCP to have a joint seminar with the Town Council early in the New Year. This would enable the Partnership to make presentations on all its activities and proposals and invite discussion with the councillors and members of the public.

## **6. Partnership Constitution**

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

## **7. Local Strategic Partnerships**

Owen Clifford reported that the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October had continued, in workshop form, the discussion on what LSPs should cover and undertake and who will be members. How LSPs will fit in with the County and Regional partnerships needs to be addressed. A considerable number of ideas emerged and these will be discussed at the next meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November at the White Hart Hotel, Lewes from 10 am to 2pm.

## **8. Joint INTERREG III bid**

South Downs CVS have advised the possibility of putting in a joint bid for INTERREG III funding (due in January 2002) by the new town partnerships plus Bexhill. This would be based on projects common to the desires of all the partnerships. Details will be circulated.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2001 at St James' Club - 5.00pm**

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