



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 4th November 2014 at 7pm

Present: **Chairman** **Cllr Marjorie Findlay-Stone (MFS)**
 Councillors: **Michael Fitch (MF), Gary Fuller (GF)**

Clerk: **Mrs G Thomas**

These Minutes will only be deemed to be a correct record of the meeting when approved and signed at the next meeting

There was one member of the public in attendance.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs N Bliss, R.Bliss, T.Prater, T. Heselden, V.Reay, Richard Grundy and Jan Holben
2. **Declaration of Interest** – none declared
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2014, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
Proposed by: Cllr M Fitch
Seconded by: Cllr G Fuller
Agreed: unanimously
4. **Communications**
 - 4.1 Cllr Findlay-Stone discussed the budget for next year and said that proposals needed to be brought to the next meeting. Cllr Fuller said that ‘20s Plenty’ would need a small budget.
 - 4.2 A letter from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs had been received in response to an earlier communication from Chairman Bliss to Councillor Collins. Cllr Findlay-Stone asked for the clerk to seek clarification concerning the identification of ‘authorised officers’ mentioned in the letter. Clerk also to speak to Miss L Sharp’s replacement to ascertain when the dog fouling posters would be displayed. Cllr Findlay-Stone said that K Rimmer had been invited to the meeting but had been unable to attend. The clerk to arrange a meeting.
 - 4.3 Email from Karyl Rimmer regarding the regular patrolling of her and fellow officers on Sandgate promenade and that no dog fouling offences had been seen. Cllr Findlay-Stone said that there was regular dog fouling in the Castle Road Car Park and that she was going to investigate with K Rimmer the possibility of getting temporary CCTV. Clerk to find out the date of meeting with PCSO regarding CCTV.
 - 4.4 Email from Cllr Findlay-Stone regarding the wording of the Anne Nevil bequest plaque. Cllr Findlay-Stone proposed wording be approved.
Proposed Cllr Findlay-Stone
Seconded by Michael Fitch
Agreed by all
 - 4.5 Email to KCC Highways regarding a vehicle regularly parking for long periods in a ‘1 hour free parking’ zone advertising Riviera Cars. It was noted that this is still occurring and the clerk was asked to contact KCC Highways again.

5. **Transport and Parking Advisory Group ('TRAP')**

Cllr Findlay Stone asked for comments on the proposed recommendations in response to the parking survey.

- 5.1 **Castle Road Car Park.** Cllr Findlay-Stone said that advice was being sought from Mr Fred Miller with regard to technical details. The clerk had contacted the Fire and Ambulance services to ascertain whether they had experienced any problems with access to Castle Road. The councillors agreed this recommendation in principle.
- 5.2 **Castle Road on street parking** – advice being sought. Local residents had experienced abuse when challenging people parking inappropriately and dust carts had also experienced access problems. Clerk to contact refuse services regarding access problems. The councillors agreed this recommendation in principle.
- 5.3 **Sandgate High Street-** agreed
- 5.4 **Riviera Road-** agreed
- 5.5 **Military Road** – agreed
- 5.6 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that Saga had asked SPC to support their request to SDC to get 20 parking permits in Castle Road Car Park. Saga had made many attempts to reduce the number of employees driving into Sandgate, including giving reduced season ticket loans and having Saga minibuses bring employees into work.
- 5.6 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the recommendations would be sent as a submission to SDC after the meeting with Fred Miller and after the final recommendations had been published locally. A further meeting would be held with Saga, to see in what way SPC and Saga can work together to improve parking problems in the parish.
- 5.7 '20s plenty'- Cllr Fuller said that he now has a Facebook page for the initiative and also 2 county councillors support including that of Hod Birkby. In the future there would be a proper website.

6. **High Street Innovation Fund** – update on projects

- 6.1 **Sandgate Entrance Enhancement** – Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the boats have been replanted and are very attractive. Michael Lyons had promised £200.00 toward the boats in the past and was now giving the Parish this money from his personal funds as his member's fund was over committed. Cllr Findlay asked the clerk to write to Mr Lyons and thank him for his generosity.
- 6.2 **Windows into the Past** A planning application had been returned as invalid. SDC require more technical information which would be provided.
- 6.4 **Wells, Wells, Wells** Cllr Findlay-Stone said that more volunteers were needed for the exhibition centre..
- 6.5 **Phase II Signage Project** The clerk informed the committee that the fingerposts had now been ordered.

7. **Beache Management Group**

- 7.1 **Coastal Path Access Route.** Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the Natural England consultation period was now reaching its end and that SPC needed to make a statement regarding the coastal path. The committee agreed that the statement should read:

‘Sandgate wish it to be noted that the maintenance gangway shown on the OS map has been improperly designated CY (cycleway). It is not a cycleway and the Parish Council therefore request that the map be corrected.

Please would you let us know how this might affect the consultation outcome?’

- 7.2 **Beach profiling.** Cllr Findlay-Stone informed the committee that beach profiling is about- to start. The next bid has been submitted and funding for the next year had been assured.
- 7.3 **Kiosk-** The committee discussed possible vendors and products which the kiosk could provide including coffee, ice cream, doughnuts and toys.

- 7.4 **Parking on the maintenance gangway**- no update, Cllr Findlay-Stone asked that this be actively pursued.
- 7.5 **Anne Nevil bequest**- discussed above 4.4
- 7.6 The clerk was asked to contact Cllr Heselden to obtain a copy of the minutes of the last Beach Advisory Group meeting.

8. Environmental Improvements

- 8.1 Cllr Findlay-Stone said that some litter bins along the Esplanade are being left open and asked the clerk to contact Vic to arrange that the locks are checked and oiled.
- 8.2 Cllr Findlay-Stone asked the clerk to write to Mandy Pike and thank her for the improved street cleaning in the parish and send a copy of the email to her supervisor.
- 8.3 Cllr Findlay-Stone gave the committee an update about the meeting with John Hunter from the Riviera Court Management Company and Tim Prater. The committee discussed the proposals and it was agreed that SPC is very happy to give support and advice on planning but is unable to commit public funds.

9. KALC Community Award Scheme

Cllr Findlay-Stone said that she would like to nominate Marie, the Sandgate beach cleaner for the award.

Proposed Cllr M Findlay-Stone

Seconded Cllr Finch

Agreed by all

10. Business and Tourism Advisory Group report

Cllr Findlay-Stone said that she will email all businesses and ask them to dress their shop fronts with 'white lights and Christmas cheer'.

11. Sandgate Society update- Christmas party on Friday 5th December, at Chichester Hall. Tickets are available from the Fire Station on Saturdays.

12. Shorncliffe Development No update

13. Events- The clerk informed the committee that a problem had arisen regarding the installation of the garlands on the streetlights but this was being resolved. Cllr Findlay-Stone said that the Boules Club were having a quiz night on 29th November at Chichester Hall

14. Information- Cllr Fitch asked the clerk to write to SDC and ask if there were any plans for the development of the Castle Road Car Park.

15. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 1st December 2014

The meeting ended at 8:25pm

Signed by the Environment Committee Chairman.....Date.....

'This meeting was quorate but breached the terms of reference of the environment committee, which stipulate that 50% of the membership should be present.'