

# South Cliff Community Group



## Members Newsletter – August 2019

### Main Meeting August

The main meeting saw about 70 members and guests turn out, despite a not very good weather forecast.

David welcomed our 3 Ward Councillors – Steve Siddons (Leader of the Council) Jim Grieve and Rich Maw.

There was a round of applause to welcome the decision by the new Council for the opening of the Holbeck toilets near the putting green.

David reminded members of upcoming events, including the Social evening with Quiz on .....day ... September at the ...location..... At £7.50 for members and £8.50 for guests this continues to represent excellent value for a very popular event.

The meeting then welcomed PCSO Stacey Begin who gave an update on Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Both crime and ASB are the lowest in Scarborough, making it a very safe place to live, but Stacey reminded everyone that basic crime prevention measures need to be followed, and particularly as we are now in the main season for visitors.

She said to make sure that ground floor windows and doors are always closed and locked when you go out, and that when we go on holiday we should let a neighbour know we will be away. Leaving an automatic light switch can give the appearance that someone is

at home – but let the neighbour know the light will be on!

Sandra Rees, Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager, SBC, told the meeting about measures put in place by the Borough to deal with rough sleepers in the area. There was recognition that the Town Centre and South Cliff had the most issues about this to deal with.

She said that SBC were appointing a coordinator who would be part of the Community Safety Team and who would attempt to engage with those who sleep rough and try to signpost them to various levels of support.

Whilst she recognised the problems that rough sleepers can present, she explained that it was not until there was evidence of ASB that the powers under the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) could be used.

She explained that if any member experiences behaviour that causes them concern, fear or anxiety, they should report it using the police 101 number, which can also be accessed online for reporting through the NY Police website.

As soon as several reports of incidents are reported, resources can be appropriately deployed to alleviate concerns.

Vicky Thompson, SBC, Project Manager for the National Heritage Lottery Fund and Gardens Project, gave an update about the works to restore and develop the gardens.

She explained that the first round of works, to reduce the number and height of trees across the South Cliff Gardens, had been brought forward and that we will start to see works in the Garden during October.

The main works will not start until mid-2020 and had been delayed because of completion works on the Cliff Stabilisation Project.

Vicky gave an update on design works to the new gardener's sheds/location near the Rose Garden, and the development of the new changing facilities to the shelter above the Clock Café.

A lively discussion took place when the issue of new changing/toilet facilities was raised, and Vicky asked David if the group could be consulted on this matter.

David said he would prepare and circulate a consultation process to members.

Vicky also explained that a new post, Community Engagement Officer, was being appointed by SBC. The role was funded through the Gardens Project and would be responsible for the development of activities to raise awareness and involvement in the gardens, to encourage special events such as parties, pop up markets, festivals etc and to encourage the involvement of communities in the future prosperity of the gardens.

David invited Vicky to bring that person to our next meeting, to meet this group and talk about their role and aspirations

David then mentioned a few matters that had not been raised during the meeting –

**1. The Breece** – the large building at the far end of West St which had been a problematic House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) and had been the catalyst to start this group in 2014, where an issue had now come to light about a change in the proposed development contrary to the planning decision. The Planning Department has been made aware and as soon as there is an update, members will be advised/involved.

**2. The Local Plan** for the Borough was being reviewed due to a significant number of new

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planning and development guidance rules. We will be involved with that as it progresses through a consultation phase in late 2020.

**3. Filey Road Proposed Development** – there is no update to this planning application at the moment – we will advise everyone when the process moves forward.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

## Dates for the diary

### Coffee morning in August



South Cliff ..... Hall  
Coffee, tea, homemade cakes and a very sociable atmosphere – what more can we say?

### 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party – in August

Following a cancellation, we still have a small number of tickets available. Please contact us if you would like to join us at this event.

**Social evening with Quiz – in September** - our next Social evening at the location with friendly Quiz, prize ticket draw, winning table prize, fabulous buffet etc is now open for bookings.

At £7.50 members / £8.50 guests it represents great value for a very sociable evening.



### Christmas Social Event at the Hotel

We are now taking bookings for the Christmas social, with dinner and music, to be held in

**December 2019**

Full details are on the last Newsletter – if you've mislaid it, let us know and we'll send you a copy!

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