

South Cliff Community Group



Members Newsletter – June 2018

Main Meeting

Our recent main meeting on Tuesday 5th June was very well attended, with 75 members joining the evening.

The meeting started with David giving a brief update on the **General Data Protection Regulations** (GDPR) and the steps taken by the Community Group to ensure compliance.

When members had joined the group, they filled in a Registration form, giving a few contact details – name, address, contact phone number and email address. These details are maintained both as the original form and also on a database.

David assured members that personal details were restricted in access, and used only for the purpose intended – to maintain a record of members of the group, for contact purposes.

He said that if anyone wanted their details to be deleted, would they please let either he or Margaret (Secretary) know.

The registration form has been slightly amended to ensure compliance, and if anyone has copies of the old form, would they please destroy them and ask for some new ones.

The meeting was told that the GDPR requirements were being used by criminals/scammers who would make contact, usually by email or telephone.

There have been a number of reports across the country of people being persuaded that they

need to give personal details because of the new legislation.

Any organisation holding your details, will only ask that you confirm they can continue to hold them – remember – they don't need to ask for your details, they already have them!

The meeting was told that the recent evening social with quiz, held at the Golf Club, had been very successful with all tickets selling early.

Events and ticket sales - David reminded everyone that tickets for events sell out very quickly these days, and that if you wanted to come to a future event, early booking of tickets is advisable – but only after the event is advertised. To be fair to everyone, pre-booking is not available!

Neighbourhood Policing

The meeting was joined by Sandra Rees, Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager, and PCSO Stacey Begin from the Neighbourhood Police Team.

Stacey gave details of present Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour trends.

The reality is that we live in area of very low recorded crime, but we mustn't be complacent about crime prevention matters.

Stacey told the meeting about an event over the weekend just before the meeting.

Police went to the Italian Gardens in the early hours of Saturday morning and disturbed a group of about 35 young people who were having a 'party'.

Many were under the influence of alcohol and one 14 year old girl had been left by her friends having passed out on a bench.

Police recovered a large quantity of alcohol and tobacco and litter, and the rubbish left behind including broken glass, was later cleared by SBC.

The police action followed complaints of anti-social behaviour the previous weekend, in the Italian Gardens, when on the Saturday morning the shelters were littered with empty bottles, beer can and broken glass.



This isn't about stopping fun, it's about reducing anti-social behaviour.

Sandra updated the group on the outcome of the recent consultation on unlawful Car Cruising events, saying that the Public Space Protection Order is now agreed.

It will enable the local authority and police to prohibit unplanned car events, and reduce the opportunity for the extreme dangerous driving seen earlier in the year, and the previous year, which caused so much damage along the roads in North Bay.

The PSPO covers the whole of the Borough.

David again urged members to complete the online consultation about Neighbourhood Policing which he had circulated the week before the meeting.

South Cliff Stabilisation Scheme

Lisa Dixon joined the meeting to give a brief update on this key matter.

She explained the delays in starting the works had been caused by a review of the risk assessment of the project by the insurer.

Further delay was caused with the retaining wall slip in front of the Clock Café, which although outside the area of works for the cliff stabilisation project, caused concern for the insurers.

After protracted discussion between SBC, Balfour Beatty and the insurers, agreement had finally been reached and works had commenced.

The Albion Road car park was now being established as the main base for the contractors, and that parking space will be lost for public use throughout the works.

The anticipated works completion is now December 2019.

Questions were asked about the works in front of the Clock Café and Lisa said that test drilling had indicated that the movement was shallow and due to a retaining wall failure rather than deep movement, but that it would take some time for remedial works to commence.

In the meantime, access to the Clock Café, the Spa, the chalets and the beach were issues that were being discussed, and that she would keep our group update on progress.

Heritage Lottery Fund - Gardens

Vicky Thompson, Project manager for this issue, had sent her apologies to the meeting, but a domestic matter had caused her to cancel.

She had sent an email to update the meeting and extracts were read from it.

In summary, the project timeline remains on track, with the mid-term review meeting with HLF being held on 8th June, and the final report and plans being submitted by 31st August.

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One of the requirements made by HLF that must be met before the £5m funding is given, is that £125,000 has to be raised as match funding, through the communities who will benefit from the work to the gardens.

HLF would make their decision about the funding by the end of December 2018 and, subject to being granted, this will enable work to commence around March 2019.

*The HLF funding is however, absolutely dependent on this £125,000 being raised, and this is now the **single biggest risk** to the project. Without it, HLF will not give the £5m.*

Cllr Mark Vesey then spoke to the group on this matter.

He said that the Steering Group had decided to raise this money by crowdfunding.

This could happen in 2 main ways –

1. By voluntary donations/gifts or,
2. Individual events running to raise money.

Mark said that the idea of crowd funding was that you could raise this sum of money if 125,000 people each gave £1 or if 1000 people each gave £125 etc etc

David stressed that this was not a matter solely for the South Cliff Community Group, but for all groups and individuals who use, and/ or want to see these unique and historical gardens restored and developed for the future.

However, as the local Community Group ‘living on the doorstep’ we have probably the biggest vested interest in the works being satisfactorily completed.

David told the meeting that although no members of the Hospitality Association were at this meeting (they had a separate event on this evening), he had arranged for the funding issue to be taken to their executive meeting.

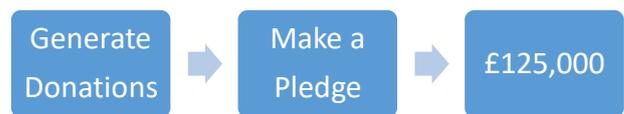
At that point, a number of members made financial pledges to support the crowd funding.

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David thanked everyone and said that the Steering Group and our committee needed to finalise the pledge process.

Pledges will be due before 31st August, but no payment will be required until after the decision by HLF in December.

Nb. Since the meeting, our committee has met and decided that it would both encourage individuals to raise money by single events, and would also be contacting all members very soon about the opportunity for everyone within our group to contribute to the fund raising.



We will be in touch very soon to start this process.

Filey Road Development –

The meeting was told that there was no specific update on this proposed development at this stage, and that discussions were still being held between the Borough Council and developers Broadland Property Ltd.

David had been sent a clarification of the present position by SBC, brought apart partly because of a comment apparently made by Scarborough Athletics, who had been included at this stage to facilitate future discussions relating to the proposed athletic track, concerning the future of the Bowls Club. This had caused some anxiety amongst members of that club.

To date, no decisions have been made about the Bowls Club, although SBC indicate that discussions are in hand to look at alternatives which would allow the development to progress without relocating the Bowls Club.

After a few questions on a variety of matters, **David closed the meeting at 8.04pm**

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Nb. Since the meeting, we have received the following statement from Scarborough Borough Council, with a further update about the Filey Road development, and specifically about the Bowls Club –

"Representatives of the Bowling Club have been advised that, subject to a few hoops to go through, the likely way forward would be for them to remain where they are and for 4 houses to be constructed on the area on College Lane/Avenue which had previously been identified as a new site for the club. They were delighted to hear this.

Broadlands wish to commence their consultation on their plans asap and this will obviously impact on the residents on College Avenue."

We will keep you updated about further developments when we able to do so.

Below is a Press release from SBC about the racing on Oliver's Mount which you may have heard through local media.

Re: Racing at Oliver's Mount

"We are disappointed that the Auto 66 club has issued misleading statements to the press about the current situation at Oliver's Mount. We therefore feel we have been left with no alternative but to clarify our position regarding our discussions with the club and racing at the venue.

"On several occasions in the last few months we have made known to the club our concerns about the issues at Oliver's Mount, particularly regarding safety. We have tried to work closely with the club to try to resolve its outstanding issues, but despite our continued efforts to help, very frustratingly these have not been met with a suitable, responsible commitment from the club. We have offered assistance (including financial), but the club has been unable or unwilling to provide us with suitable business

proposals and plans that would give us the confidence and ability to progress such matters.

"The Auto-Cycle Union's (ACU) refusal earlier this year to grant a licence for racing at the venue confirmed our fears that the club had not dealt with the safety requirements required and expected of them. The safety of riders and spectators is of paramount importance to us and combined with subsequent issues at the recent hill climb event, including late cancellation of advertised events and the ongoing negative impact on the venue's reputation, we have been left with no other choice but to reach the regrettable decision to terminate the club's licence to operate at the venue.

"The high profile, international reputation of the Oliver's Mount circuit and its value to Scarborough is extremely important to us and we are committed to ensuring that its reputation and racing at the circuit is maintained. Continuing our relationship with the Auto 66 Club would not achieve this. We have therefore already begun discussions with interested parties, including the ACU, who have shown significant interest in helping us, to ensure high quality and safe racing continues to be delivered at the important and historic venue."

It would seem likely that this season the racing is going to be disrupted further, and we will keep you up to date as we get further details.

Dates for the Diary

Coffee mornings

Tuesday 3rd July
One in August



Next main meeting – Notified to members

We are anticipating an additional main meeting about the Filey Road Developments within the next few weeks, and will give as much notice as we can.