

South Cliff Community Group



Members Newsletter – November 2019

This newsletter covers the Annual General Meeting held in November, and gives social dates for the remainder of 2019 and for the first half of 2020 – **Dates for the Diary** on page 4

Just over 70 people turned out on a rather cold and wet evening for the 6th AGM of the Group.

David welcomed Cllr. Jim Grieve to the meeting.

David opened the meeting with a brief summary of some of the main events that we have been involved with.

This included a reminder that the Cliff Stabilisation works were due to be completed in February next year, subject to the satisfactory resolution of a few legal matters. It is also hoped that the footpaths along the Esplanade will be opened before the end of this year.

David told the group that a draft legal agreement between the Group and Scarborough Borough Council (SBC) relating to the funds raised last year through the Heritage Lottery process and held in a dedicated account held by the Group, had been sent to him, but that a few issues needed to be resolved before it could be completed.

Margaret gave her report as Secretary to the group, as follows –

“Without any advertising the group continues to grow steadily and since our last AGM we have gained 45 new members. This brings our

membership to 401, to our new members I would like to welcome you to the group.

During the last year the committee have organised and run 21 events.

Our regular events

9 coffee mornings

4 Social evenings at the ..., proving a popular location for events and they do their best to look after us.

4 main meetings, and

pre-Christmas dinner at the Hotel who really put on a great evening for us.

Our extra events were

In January we funded a First Aid Course, which the Red Cross ran for us.

We felt it was important that our committee and some of our helpers had an up to date knowledge of first aid, the maximum numbers for this course was 15, it was a very hands on course and those that attended found it very informative.

We organised an additional meeting in April in time for the local elections ‘**Meet the Candidates**’ this was a chance to ask prospective ward councillors questions before the polling day in May.

We also celebrated the Groups **5th Birthday** in August at the location.

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Keeping in touch

If you make contact with us, either by email or answer phone, we do our best to respond to you as soon as possible. If you haven't heard back from us within a reasonable time please get back in touch, it is possible that we have missed your email or call.

We sometimes have a huge amount of emails to deal with and occasionally one could get missed.

Finally, our next social evening is at the location in November. If you have paid for places for that evening for the Christmas dinner at and don't have your tickets, I have them with me.

Thank you for your continued support, it is really appreciated."

Liza as Treasurer gave her report to group –

“Good evening everyone, thank you for your continuing support and generosity, because of which we are able to continue to subsidise some of our events for members.

Our events made a profit this year of £x
The evening meetings continue to make a small loss.

The hire of the church hall is still our greatest cost.

After deducting monies for the November quiz & the Xmas Social & Dinner, we have just over £2 in our account.

Our accounts have been audited for the last year”

David told the group about the election process for the posts of Chair, Deputy, Secretary and Treasurer and that all four post-holders were prepared to stand for the next year.

With no other proposals for the committee, all four present post holders were voted in unanimously by those present.

The committee will be –

David	Chair
R	Deputy
M	Secretary
L	Treasurer

With committee members – K, D and A.

D thanked the committee for their continued support and hard work, planning and organising all the events.

He also thanked those members who have helped and supported the committee in the running of events and other activities.

D said that the group funds were such that there was no need for a renewable annual fee to be introduced and proposed that the £5 registration fee remained, to be reviewed annually at the AGM.

There was a unanimous vote in favour of this proposal.

David then made the following statement –

“There is a matter that the group will need to deal with over the next 12 months.

We have discussed this with the present committee who are aware of what I am going say.

Margaret and I have decided that at next year's AGM, we will not be standing again.

We will then have been in these posts, as Chair and Secretary, for over 6 years, and it takes up a very significant part of our lives and time – even when we're on holiday.

We've loved every moment of it, but it's time for someone else to take over.

The committee will run events during the next 12 months, as we have done since August 2014.

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Margaret and I hope that someone will come forward to fill these 2 posts so that we can hand over seamlessly, introducing the administration processes and meeting those people we interact with on behalf of the group, so that the group continues to run smoothly.

The present members of the committee have indicated that none of them want to stand for these 2 posts at next years AGM, but that they will continue on the committee, to support whoever takes over.

Margaret and I will not be a part of that committee.

If you think you might be interested in putting your name forward next November for one of these posts, please speak to Margaret or myself at the earliest opportunity, to give plenty of time to be familiarised with how the group is presently structured.

We will give you an honest insight into the commitment involved, which is quite significant, if the group is to continue to run as it has for the last 61/2 years.

It may be that some of the tasks we carry out will need to be shared by committee members.

The bottom line will be, at next year's AGM, Margaret and I will not be standing for re-election.

If no-one has stepped forward to take the 2 roles we vacate, the Group will have to decide how it goes forward, if it is to continue.

I will come back to this at future meetings.

The important thing to remember is that until next November, it's business as usual."

That ended the business of the AGM.

Police and Community Safety

After a short break for refreshments, the main meeting continued as David welcomed back our 2 PCSO's Matt Parkin and Ian Fewster who

gave us updates on Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

They told us that our group area has the lowest reported crime levels in North Yorkshire and offered some seasonal crime prevention advice.

David Introduced 2 new members of SBC who work closely with the police –

Emily Fisher – Rough Sleeping Coordinator will coordinate services and offer support to those who sleep rough in the Borough (currently 10 in the whole Borough) Details of how to advise her of rough sleepers are in Useful Contacts at the end of this newsletter.

She also gave us details of StreetLink which will alert her to rough sleepers, and of the mobile app available to download on iTunes and Google Play stores.

Rhian Buglass Community Safety Officer covering the South Cliff area who will work with the police dealing with anti-social behaviour, safeguarding issues etc

Both gave brief summaries of their roles and answered questions from members.

Emily and Rhian will be invited back to future meetings.

South Cliff Gardens Heritage Project

Victoria Thompson, Project officer to SBC for this project, introduced Gemma Alexander who has recently been appointed Community Engagement Officer to SBC.

Gemma told the group about her role, which was to engage with all the various communities who would use the gardens, to raise awareness of the works that will be going on in the gardens, develop activities and events to encourage people to visit and enjoy the area.

Gemma will be coming back to the group to give us updates on these issues, and expanded on some of the ideas that covered activities including Music, Arts, Craft and Literature to excite everyone.

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She also asked for ideas about events from the group and said she would be looking for volunteers to help run some of the activities.

David asked about the opening of the covered walkway under the Cliff Lift, nicknamed “The Tunnel” by the media, and the opportunity to run an opening event.

Vicky confirmed that the “tunnel” would be opening as an accessible throughway from the north to the south gardens and that there could be some form of opening event.

Vicky then gave an overview of the works that would be occurring over the next 3-4 months, to include continuing works on the trees, and the start of closer analysis of the specific restoration needs to the 14 shelters in the gardens.

She also said that she would be supervising the heritage planting to the area where the Cliff Stabilisation works are currently in place.

Vicky and Gemma answered a variety of questions from members.

Dates for the Diary 2019

December - Festive coffee morning

Dates for the Diary 2020

Coffee mornings (all ...day - 10.15 start)

January

February

April

May

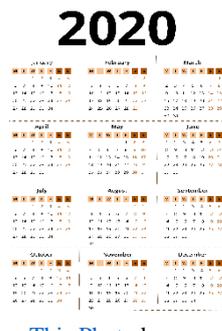
June

August

September

November

December



Main Meetings (all ...day – 6.30pm start)

February

May

August

November

Quiz and Buffet (all ...day – 6.30pm for 7pm start)

March

June

September

November

Useful contacts



Police non-emergency 101

Local Police Team

Sergeant James Hardie
PCSO 6456 Ian Fewster
PCSO 3553 Matthew Parkins
PCSO 3786 Olivia Holbrook

Community Safety Officer Rhian Buglass
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Rough Sleeping Coordinator Emily Fisher

Streetlink – 0300 500 0914 (to advise about rough sleepers)

Highways 01609 780 780

Local Dog Warden 01723 232535

Action Fraud 0300 123 2040

That's all for now!

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