

Seaham Town Council



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Meeting 2

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10th November, 2020

In accordance with Paragraphs 7 & 10(2) (b) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

I hereby summon you to attend a Meeting of the PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE to be held **online** on TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER, 2020 commencing at the rising of the Finance and General Purposes Meeting.

Members of the press and public who wish to attend this meeting please email info@seaham.gov.uk to request the zoom login details.

Dianne Rickaby
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST, PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT

Accept the amendment to the standing orders to incorporate the new regulations from the Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, to conduct Virtual Council meetings.

DECISION REQUIRED

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

DECISION REQUIRED To appoint a Chair of this Committee for the ensuing year.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

DECISION REQUIRED To appoint a Vice-Chair of this Committee for the ensuing year.

4. **PLANNING ISSUES**

a) **Monthly List**

Attached at Appendix A is a copy of the planning applications numbered 5644 to 5680 which have been circulated to all Members of Seaham Town Council since the last Committee.

DECISION REQUIRED These items are for information.

b) **Land to the North of 28 North Terrace, Seaham**

Attached at Appendix B is a correspondence from Durham County Council regarding the proposed erection of 1, 4 storey building comprising of 3 units (use class A1,2,3 and 4) to ground floor, 1 unit (use class D2) to first and second floor and 4 residential units (c3) ancillary to the commercial units to the third floor.

DECISION REQUIRED If Members have any further comments regarding the amendments these should reach Durham County Council no later than 23rd November, 2020.

c) **Bypass on the Incline**

Pursuant to the last Parks & Events Committee meeting Officers have ascertained that the land at the bypass is owned by Durham County Council but is leased to Seaham Town Council. Network Rail originally installed the lights at the bypass but did not agree to the maintenance. A quote of £400 has been received to change the light bulbs and Members are asked to approve this work.

DECISION REQUIRED Members are requested to approve the replacement of the bulbs at the underpass.

d) **Tree Planting Strangford Road**

Attached at Appendix C is a correspondence from Durham County Council requesting permission to plant trees on Seaham Town Council land between the roundabout and Deneside Park.

DECISION REQUIRED Members further instructions are requested.

5. **TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

a) **Temporary Road Closure – Lord Byrons Walk**

Attached at Appendix D is a copy of the temporary road closure notice for vehicular traffic from 11.00pm on Friday 20th November, 2020 a 110 metre length of Lord Byrons Walk that extends westwards from Hall Station Cottage, Seaham.

**DECISION
REQUIRED**

This item is for information purposes.

b) **Temporary Road and Footpath Closure – Wynard Street, Longnewton Street, Seaham Street, Theresa Street & Embelton Mews**

Attached at Appendix E is a copy of the temporary road and footpath closure notice for vehicular and pedestrian traffic from 9.30am on Monday 23rd November, 2020

**DECISION
REQUIRED**

This item is for information purposes.

c) **Temporary Road Closure Stavordale Street, Strangways Street, Fox Street, Aged Miners Homes, Margaret Street, Dawdon Crescent (footpaths)**

Attached at Appendix F is a copy of the temporary road and footpath closure notice for vehicular and pedestrian traffic from Tuesday 24th November, 2020.

**DECISION
REQUIRED**

This item is for information purposes.

6. **DOGS ON BEACHES**

Attached at Appendix G is a correspondence from a member of the public requesting that one beach is kept dog free.

**DECISION
REQUIRED**

Members views are requested.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

a) **Water Quality Issues**

Water quality issues have been discussed for many years at Seaham Town Council and partnership work with Mr B Latimer and Seaham Environmental Society has helped to keep the water companies held to account for pollution. Attached at Appendix H is the latest information provided by a local environmental activist.

DECISION REQUIRED Members to note the information provided and agree to write to the Environment Agency asking for an explanation why the discharges are still so high and what has been planned to ensure they are reduced in the future.

8. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

DECISION REQUIRED Members are asked to consider whether any of the items discussed present a press opportunity.

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