

5.6 The clerk had not yet sought SDC's permission for a cycle rack outside the library – this would be done shortly. It was queried as to who would pay if permission was given.

6. High Street Innovation Fund – updates on projects:

6.1 Sandgate Entrance Enhancement

6.1.1 The clerk had been informed that Michael Lyons was getting a boat built which would be cut in half. This would be paid for through his district councillor's fund. As SPC cannot apply for this, David Cowell had filled in the form but the clerk was waiting to liaise with Cllr Lyons re the dimensions and cost. It was queried whether two hulls made from scratch would only cost £200.

6.1.2 Until the dimensions were known, the clerk could not pursue land owners' permissions.

6.1.3 Re the full-sized boat, there was some doubt as to whether SDC had given permission for the boat to be sited on the grass area near the disused toilet block near Battery Point. The clerk would pursue this.

6.1.4 Longacre Nursery would be able to provide a price for planting up all three enhancements when dimensions were known.

6.2 New Parking Signage to Saga

Cllr Findlay-Stone (MFS) had asked Saga if they could help with putting the sign out and away each time. They had replied that this would not be possible. This was deferred back to MFS. The clerk was asked to find out if the sign had been made; if it had not, she was asked to postpone the making of it for the time being.

6.3 Windows into the Past

6.3.1 The boards on Geoffrey Boot's hoarding were getting bent as the hoarding needed to be repaired. The clerk was asked to get the boards taken down for the time being.

6.3.2 A planning application had been submitted for six sites, two of which were listed so a listed planning application would need to be submitted.

6.3.3 A reply had been received from Mr R Baker re permission to hang display boards on 61 Sandgate High Street: he was unable to assist as he did not have any connection with this property. The clerk was asked to find out who the owner was so that permission could be sought. Cllr Prater said that he knew someone who might know and so he would look into this.

6.4 Wells, Wells, Wells

An agreement in principle to rent Sandgate Passage had been obtained from the owner. The property would be suitable as an exhibition and sales areas. The full cash flow proposal would be given to the clerk in about two weeks' time. The owner of the property would carry out a basic refurbishment for free. It was mentioned that the back access had not been secure in the past; this would be checked.

6.5 Phase II Signage Project – TP and MFS had still not met to discuss this project.

7. Beaches Advisory Group ('BAG')

7.1 Notes from the last meeting had been circulated; the next meeting would be Thursday 20th March at 6pm. Tom Lord from Natural England had been invited to attend; he had been unable to attend the last meeting.

7.2 Seaside Award: MFS had updated the notices for the information board and had asked a local resident and member of 'BAG' to check them; this would be chased up. The proposed new notices had been circulated to members; members were asked to read these and pass any comments to the clerk.

7.3 The renewal application for the Seaside Award would be completed when MFS returned from holiday and then it would be sent to Tidy Britain.

7.4 The clerk was awaiting an update from SDC on the kiosk and whether stencilling re the dog ban dates could be painted onto the walkway.

8. Maintenance Gangway / Cycling issues

The clerk had written to Radnor Estates re the cars parked on the Estate’s land by Granville Parade and was awaiting a response.

9. Environmental Improvements

- 9.1 The clerk had contacted SDC regarding litter bins and had been informed that SDC had funds to purchase replacement bins. SPC should send a ‘wish’ list of bins that it would like to have replaced. Members asked what type of bins would be provided. The clerk informed members that two cast iron bins by Granville Parade would be repaired by the handyman.
- 9.2 The clerk had received confirmation from SDC that the damaged bin at the recreation ground would be replaced.
- 9.3 There would be a Community Spirit clean-up on 15th March; Longacre Nursery had agreed that the planters by the Sir John Moore memorial could be tidied up.
- 9.4 A new Donated Memorial Benches policy went to SDC’s Cabinet earlier this month and had been approved. Re memorabilia on the benches: this meant that this would not be allowed and any items would be removed by the district council. Members agreed that a period of two months should pass then, if memorabilia still remained on the bench on The Esplanade, SPC would write to SDC accordingly.
- 9.5 KALC was keen to collate evidence of issues/problems that councils faced re the recent storms; the clerk was asked to recirculate the email and MFS’ suggested response. The deadline was 10th March.
- 9.6 Various faults/repairs that needed to be done had been submitted to SDC, KCC and PRoW as relevant.
- 9.7 Cllr Prater had not yet cleaned the sign in the valley.
- 9.8 Cllr Griggs mentioned that the potholes at the entrance to Enbrook Valley car park had returned. The clerk informed that she had already reported this to SDC.

10. Business and Tourism Advisory Group report

There was nothing new to report. Re the High Street Innovation Fund ‘flags’ project that was completed last summer, there was still some funding left. This should go on the agenda of the next meeting to discuss what new flags could be commissioned and put up when the flags from last year were reinstated.

11. Shorncliffe Development update

- 11.1 Cllr Griggs attended the recent Taylor Wimpey follow-up exhibition.
- 11.2 SDC should put a ‘wish’ list together for S106 Agreement funding; suggested projects should be linked to the development. This must go on the agenda of the next main council meeting.
- 11.3 The development group was gaining more members.
- 11.4 CIL would not affect this development as the planning application would be submitted before CIL would be implemented. If there was no advantage in terms of CIL, then there would be no rush for SPC to consider having a Neighbourhood Plan.

12. Information

- 12.1 Colin Paine would be attending the next Environment Committee meeting to give a presentation on beach protection works.
- 12.2 Sunny Sandgate on Facebook had been added to SPC’s website.
- 12.3 All members were reminded that Cllr Reay needed to have items for inclusion in the next Sandgate Newsletter.
- 12.4 The clerk would be on leave from 31st March to 4th April inclusive.

13. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 1st April 2014. Cllr Leo Griggs gave his advance apologies

The meeting ended at 7.55pm

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