

**PLANNING AND STRATEGY**  
**WORKING GROUP**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> October, 2017**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllr. Richard Blackwell, chairman  
Gill Smith, parish clerk

**Apologies:** None

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June, 2017, were considered correct.

**Coastal Community Group:**

Clerk tabled a draft letter, as requested at the previous meeting, with a view to invite small companies/businesses to a coastal community group meeting. Date for the meeting has been arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> November and SDC Kate Wilson, the Romney Marsh Partnership Co-ordinator has agreed to join the meeting.

**Paul Nash Seawall Trail:**

As part of improving the tourism experience of visiting the seawall, it is being proposed that approximately six information boards be erected along the seawall displaying works by artist Paul Nash. Resident and member of Friends of Martello24 Andrew Ashton is exploring copyright/material to be included in the display boards. Clerk requested to contact SDC and EA for their views. Clerk raised the issue of maintenance, ie graffiti clearing and maintenance to the display boards. Cllr. Blackwell agreed to look into this matter. If SDC and EA approve the erecting of display boards, DPC will be asked to consider £2000 towards the project.

**Literature:**

It is being proposed that Dymchurch be part of a wider promotional leaflet that would incorporate things to see and do on Romney Marsh. Three major tourist parishes; Dymchurch; New Romney and Lydd to be approached about their views on a joint leaflet. Peter Faulkner produced a draft proposal that was considered and he has offered to co-ordinate the leaflet. Clerk requested to contact New Romney Town Clerk and Lydd Town Clerk to seek their views. It may be possible to apply for funding through the Romney Marsh Partnership, or three councils could fund the pilot project. Dymchurch leaflet and current distribution costs £1000 per year for 5000 leaflets. Costs have been researched and a joint leaflet with print-run of 25,000 would cost £4000. A large print-run would be good for 2 years and consequently would make a saving of approximately £500 over a two-year term.

**Date of next meeting:** 10am Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

**Recommendations to Council:**

- 1. That the Minutes be accepted.**
- 2. That a capital budget of £2000 be allocated towards a Paul Nash Seawall Trail, pending approval from SDC and EA**
- 3. That Dymchurch liaise with New Romney and Lydd Town Councils to seek views on a joint leaflet.**