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Cc: Green Havens <greenhavens@yahoo.com>, James Winkworth <james.winkworth@southdowns.gov.uk>, penny@sussexcommunity.org.uk <penny@sussexcommunity.org.uk>, Adam

Chugg <adam.chugg@3va.org.uk>, Cllr Julie Carr <julie.carr@lewes.gov.uk>[more...](#)

Dear Stephen

It's regrettable that despite several interventions and attempts to bring Karen on board with what has been for the most part a positive and inclusive process that the need has arisen for emails such as the ones below.

One of the priorities from an LDC point of view was to facilitate as much as possible a partnership approach and I think the strength of that partnership is plain to see in what Emma has put together. It is a testament to the hard work that Emma has put into this bid in such difficult circumstances.

Obviously the priority is to get the bid in. If there is anything you need me to do that helps this let me know.

I think we will need to discuss the matters outlined below at a later date and I'll also discuss with Julie, Zoe and Andy Frost.

Just to say though I'm fully supportive of the approach you and Emma have taken and sorry that you've had to take such personal criticism in the course of what should be a positive experience for everyone. It's totally unacceptable.

Matthew

Councillor Matthew Bird

Cabinet Member for Sustainability

District Councillor for Priory Ward

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From: Stephen Gauntlett <sj.gauntlett@btinternet.com>
Sent: 03 April 2020 13:44
To: Emma Allen <Emma.Allen@southdowns.gov.uk>
Cc: Green Havens <greenhavens@yahoo.com>; James Winkworth <James.Winkworth@southdowns.gov.uk>; penny@sussexcommunity.org.uk; Adam Chugg <adam.chugg@3va.org.uk>; Cllr Julie Carr <Julie.Carr@lewes.gov.uk>; Cllr Matthew Bird <Matthew.Bird@lewes.gov.uk>; m tavener <mtavener@gburley.co.uk>
Subject: Re: lottery

Dear All

I need to echo what Emma has said. I have had discussions this morning with several people who feel most upset with the attitude Karen is taking towards this bid and towards me personally.

As Chair of Greenhavens I am clear that there is no time for further amendments. The Committee is presently dysfunctional due to two overnight resignations caused in part by Karen's recent interventions. After the bid is submitted I will meet with the other partners to consider how best to regroup the Greenhavens Network. For example, I have been contacted by individuals who are immediately willing to join the Committee but not with Karen exercising her present interventionist role.

I have copied the Chief Execs of SCDA and 3VA because I am not prepared to see this first class bid jeopardised, together with the LDC Cabinet Members. Because I'm not sure how all this relates to Karen's present Furlough from Ideverdi, I am copying them for information.

This is a fundamental and critical bid and I write this wearing both my Lewes District Council Chair and Greenhavens Chair hats.

Stephen

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On 3 Apr 2020, at 12:47, Emma Allen <Emma.Allen@southdowns.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Karen,

This lottery bid needs to be submitted in the next 48 hours. If development funding is secured, we can sort out any niggling errors directly with the projects involved.

The community noticeboard for the Dell is in the information you sent me. If things have subsequently changed, fine, but that has not been communicated to me.

As I have told you MANY times the delivery posts will be established in the development phase in order to best support the delivery work. There will obviously need to be a role to support the delivery of the Greenhavens elements – but whether that post can be hosted by Greenhavens relies on Greenhavens being an entity that is in a position to host staff. This is something that I have been informed is not the case at present.

The information on who set up Greenhavens was given to me by SCDA. If you feel that it is incorrect, please discuss with Stephen and Penny Shimmin.

I have done my level best to make sense of the information you have sent me, much of which was quite incoherent, and to bring it together in a compelling way in very trying circumstances. Everyone else is happy with it, including your Chair.

I have worked the last 17 days straight on this project, whilst effectively neglecting [*other duties*].

Your thoroughly unpleasant attitude towards me and the other people involved in this project is making me ill. I respectfully ask that you now stop contacting me both professionally and personally.

Emma

Emma Allen MINSTF

Statutory Funding Officer

South Downs National Park Authority

Please note I work part-time: Monday – Wednesday 9-5 and Thursday 9-11.30.

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From: Green Havens <greenhavens@yahoo.com>
Sent: 03 April 2020 12:21
To: Emma Allen <Emma.Allen@southdowns.gov.uk>
Subject: lottery

Dear Emma

I have now seen site of the lottery application and am concerned that there are some mistakes in regards to all the projects i have given you and there are some that arent listed?

I am also concerned that there are also significant changes to the projects that weren't agree with greenhaven member groups and that the network no longer has a post within it to support the running of it, which for the network was the over riding reason we wanted to access funding.

There are also some fundamental errors in the introduction in regards to who started the network and who subsequently supported it.

The greenhavens committee has not approved this application, we only saw sight of it yesterday morning. With there being such fundamental changes to the original concept, i really need to consult with the community groups as this isnt what the committee consulted with the groups on.

For starters her are the Peacehaven corrections: The Dell. It says that local people will be involved in planting the seeds but that isn't the plan. There is one small area to be planted with wild flower plug plants that Jan has agreed to plant up with schoolchildren and she is going to fund that bit. The Community noticeboard in the Dell was rejected by cllrs.

regards

karen

Secretary, Greenhavens Network

Raise Money For Greenhavens and have your chance of winning £25,000. You will be helping us with much needed funds to develop the network and support our community groups
<https://www.leweslocallottery.co.uk/.../greenhavens-network>

Please note that Greenhavens Network is a non-political organisation and is a formation of groups with views on green spaces and the environment. These views are particular to each member group and may not necessarily be supported by all member groups. Formal statements will be issued by the Secretary when appropriate.

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