

Outside Bodies – Reports from Councillors

The following updates have been received from Councillors since the last meeting in relation to the outside bodies to which they have been appointed by Full Council.

	Outside Body	Councillor	Update
1	Sussex Police and Crime Panel (NB. this body scrutinises the role and work of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner)	Johnny Denis	New Police and Crime Panel up and running about to be involved in the Budgetary Sub-Group's meeting over the next 3 months to scrutinise the budget making of the PCC. Workshops will be held between the Police and Crime Commissioner with Community Safety Partnership Chairs. Significant interest in the safety of women and girls.
2	Equalities and Fairness Stakeholder Group	Johnny Denis	No Update.
3	Community Safety Partnership	Johnny Denis	<p>These online meetings are continuing – so technical difficulties are problematic. There is a new impetus to receive bids for projects aligned with the Community Safety Partnership Priorities. The following priorities were identified for 2021/22</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Address the incidence of anti-social behaviour and the importance of creating safe and welcoming community spaces 2. Tackle the incidence of hate crime, domestic and sexual abuse 3. Reduce the incidence of serious violence and knife crime 4. Support the street community and address related ASB 5. Reduce the incidence of anti-social driving on our roads 6. Address the community impact of organised crime and drug dealing <p>Bidding forms and guidance: https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/partnerships/community-safety-partnership/</p>
4	Wave Leisure Trust	Johnny Denis	Now confirmed as a Company director so not officially a Member. Priorities are bringing back services and implementing the recovery plan.

5	Wave Leisure Trust	Laurence O'Connor	<p>Since the last Full Council Meeting I have attended one Wave Leisure board meeting on the 4th October at which a continuing trend of an encouraging return to business as usual was reported. At that meeting Cllr Denis was confirmed as the second LDC nominee trustee on the Board.</p> <p>Memberships have continued to grow at a higher than anticipated rate. Direct debit collections are also returning at a greater rate than planned. Some small negative news was that income from Newhaven Fort did not start until June which was a month later than it had been budgeted to reopen. However almost all financial indicators are on the right side of positive.</p>
6.	Seaford Head Local Nature Reserve Management Committee	Christine Brett	<p>Date of meeting: 28th Sept 2021</p> <p>Business discussed:</p> <p><u>Rangers report</u> for SWT section of the reserve.</p> <p><u>South Downs National Park Update</u> - Tim Squire</p> <p><u>Coastguard Cottages Update</u> – Caroline McCourt, absent, but contributions from James Meek and Tim Squire. Proposal to defend the cottages was quashed by the High Court in the absence of an adequate impact assessment. SDNPA are reviewing the situation to determine whether an impact assessment is required.</p> <p><u>Seaford Town Council</u> - was not aware that the introduction of honeybees to the golf course could impact on wild insects on the course so will review. Need to review types of planting on green roof to be more drought tolerant</p> <p><u>Vision for Nature Reserve</u> presentation by Tim Squire - Discussion about how all areas of the LNR can be managed for the benefit of nature. Maps showing land ownership, management types and the SSSI area provided background.</p> <p>Decisions made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Actions: from the Vision 2. Agree a draft 'Vision' by e-mail.

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Members to clarify how their representative organisations can endorse/sign up to the 'Vision' 4. NT and STC to look at tenancy agreements in relation to implementing management that benefits LNR. 5. Set up meetings to present the 'Vision' to tenant farmers, Golf Club, NT, SDNPA (potentially EA). 6. Note - Date of Reserve West end site meeting of SHLNR Management Committee is Wednesday 10 November.
7	South Downs National Park Authority AGM	William Meyer	<p>Date of meeting: 6th July</p> <p>Business discussed: The meeting is broadcast and recorded and available for public view. The appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair were confirmed. The appointments were uncontested by other Members of the Authority – a reflection of both the heavy burden of responsibility that encompasses these roles and the competing time commitments of the great majority of the County and District Members.</p> <p>Ian Philips, a Secretary of State appointed Member of the SDNPA and Vanessa Rowlands one of two East Sussex County Parish elected Members of the SDNPA were confirmed in role for the second year.</p> <p>The meeting was the FIRST to be held in PERSON in Midhurst for over one and a half years and was well attended.</p> <p>Decisions made: See public website for full details and conduct of meeting.</p>
8.	South Downs National Park Authority Board Meeting	William Meyer	<p>Date of Meeting: 21st October</p> <p>Decisions made: See public website for full details and conduct of meeting.</p>
9.	South Downs National Park Authority transfer of Seven Sisters Country Park from ESCC to SDNPA and subsequent operation of the Country Park by:	William Meyer	<p>Date of meetings: 22nd September and 12th November (Shadow Board of Directors of South Downs Commercial Operations) and various informal meetings from time to time with the Manager of South Downs Commercial Operations Ltd and staff</p>

	<p>South Downs Commercial Operations Ltd</p>	<p>members now working for the Shadow Company.</p> <p>Business discussed: The ongoing operations and development of the 7 Sisters Country Park by South Downs Commercial Operations Ltd – a wholly owned subsidiary of the SDNPA.</p> <p>The many assets, now in the ownership of the SDNPA are managed on behalf of the SDNPA by South Downs Commercial Operations Ltd. We have already seen the reopening of some facilities and more importantly the investment of significant Authority money into a soon to be fully refurbished and revitalised Visitor Centre and related public areas. When completed this will include visitor attractions and new and much needed public toilet facilities.</p> <p>As anyone visiting the Country Park in recent years may have experienced, the public facilities were in a dilapidated state of repair and have remained largely closed to the public.</p> <p>The Company, on behalf of the SDNPA, aims to ensure this community asset is fully operational once again and at the same time restored in a sensitive way given the listed nature of many of the existing buildings on the site.</p> <p>The Company aim is then to open all the public areas on a year-round basis. This has already been partially achieved, since late July. All construction work now ongoing is due for completion in 2022 whilst new staff appointments, aimed at supporting the expanded work of the Country Park, will be completed on or before the Spring of 2022.</p> <p>Other key aims are the introduction of new land management schemes across the farmed landscape; the restoration of the camp site at Foxholes; related tourist accommodation facilities improvements and signage in general across the estate to enable safe open access.</p>
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10.	Armed Forces Champion	Sharon Davy	<p>Saturday 18th September - I was invited by The Defence Fijian Champion, Major General David J Eastman MBE to attend the Bula Festival 2021. An all all-day festival in Aldershot - featuring talks, arts and crafts, music, dancing, food and drink.</p> <p>The Fijian High Commissioner to the UK, Jitoko Tikolevua, gave a brief moving Fijian history speech in English and Fijian with proud reference to the brave and fearless warriors who are part of our Armed Forces family in celebration of Fiji Day on October 10th. There was a Service of Remembrance to remember Fijians who have served and lost life or limb.</p> <p>Monday 4th October - I was invited to join Lieutenant Benjamin Hammick, M.H.S. Ranger Commanding Officer and his crew for a tour of H.M.S. Ranger. The winds did not ease, so instead of embarking at Newhaven, we met the crew at Brighton Marina where we were warmly welcomed by Matthew Cosham CPOM (EW) - sadly too rough for a sea trip on this occasion. Whilst 'being shown the ropes' Cllr Sharon Davy was keen to listen to the crew – their story, and what the Royal Navy has given them in terms of their career. Apprenticeships that combine practical on-the-job skilled training, as well as transferable skills when they leave the Royal Navy.</p> <p>Tuesday 26th October - I was invited to attend a presentation of awards ceremony for the South East Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association at Christ's Hospital. Major General (Retired) John Moore-Bick CBE DL presented the awards. Our Volunteer Reserves, Cadets and Cadet Forces Adult Volunteers give their time and commitment to their community ad our country. Cadet Corporal Edward White is one of the cadets to be appointed as Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant's Cadets for West</p>

			<p>Sussex 2021-2022. Edward White attends Lewes College.</p> <p>Employer Recognition Scheme, Bronze Award – Proudly supporting those who serve. As the Armed Forces Champion, I was honoured to put this Scheme in place. It is my duty to ensure that Lewes District Council considers the needs of the Armed Forces Community in relation to the council's policies and service delivery as well as supporting The Armed Forces Covenant.</p> <p>Sunday 14th November – Remembrance Day - As the Armed Forces Champion I will have laid the wreath in Chailey and attended the service. I will also have laid a wreath in Lewes Town and attended a service.</p>
11.	Lewes District Citizens Advice	Imogen Makepeace	<p>I have been consulting with The District Manager to investigate further ways to support residents experiencing hardship.</p> <p>I (will) have attended the AGM of LDC CAB. It is scheduled for this afternoon.</p>
12	Seaford to Brighton Line Steering Group Meeting	Emily O'Brien	<p>Date of meeting: 24/9/2021</p> <p>Business discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much activity from community rail groups in the area including Seaford, Bishopstone, Newhaven, Glynde & Lewes • Network Rail updated that Tide Mills Crossing bridge works postponed due to spiralling costs (but still intention to provide for safety reasons) <p>Decisions made: n/a</p> <p>Subsequently there was the sad news that Steering Group chairman Jon Freeman had died whilst on holiday in Crete, a great loss to community rail and so much else.</p>