

THE DOWNS COMMITTEE

Clifton and Durdham Downs (Bristol) Act 1861

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The Lord Mayor and 6 City Councillors

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor Councillor Cleo Lake

Peter Abraham (C)

Barry Clark (L)

Donald Alexander (L)

Kye Dudd (L)

Chris Davies (LD)

Paula O'Rourke (G)

The Master and 6 Merchant Venturers

Charles Griffiths (Master)

Jonathon Baker

James McArthur

Francis Greenacre

Mary Prior

Anthony Kenny

Tim Ross

Dear Member,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Downs Committee** to be held at **2.00pm on Monday 24 September at City Hall, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TR**

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf and the supporting documents are attached.

Yours sincerely,

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Agenda

- 1. Apologies for Absence and Introductions**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 July 2018**
To be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
- 4. Public Forum**
To consider items of public forum sent to the Downs Committee. Interested parties can submit a written statement of approximately one side of A4 to the Downs Committee by sending it to Democratic Services democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk by no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 29 June 2018
- 5. Matters Arising from Events and Finance Group**
- 6. Downs Management and Events Report**
(Ben Skuse, Melissa Inman)
- 7. Proposed Event Schedule**
(Melissa Inman)
- 8. Finance Update**
(Jemma Prince)
- 9. FOD+AG Report**
(Robert Westlake)
- 10. Any Other Business**
- 11. Date of Next Meeting**
The next Meeting is the on Monday 19 November 2018 at 2.00pm and will be held at City Hall

Bristol City Council Minutes of the Downs Committee

2 July 2018 at 11.00 am



Members Present:-

Councillors: Cleo Lake (Chair), Peter Abraham, Donald Alexander, Barry Clark, Kye Dudd, Chris Davies, Paula O'Rourke,

Merchant Venturers: J Baker, A Brown, F Greenacre, C Griffiths and T Ross

Officers in Attendance:-

Mandy Leivers, Jemma Prince, Ben Skuse, Melissa Inman, Oliver Harrison

1. Apologies and introductions

Apologies received from James McArthur (MV)

Councillor Cleo Lake introduced as new Lord Mayor and new Chair of the Committee
Councillors Chris Davies and Paula O'Rourke welcomed as new committee members

2. Minutes of last meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of 9 April 2018 meeting are an accurate record of proceedings

3. Declarations of interest

None declared

4. Public Forum

A Public Forum Statement 'Licence for Zoo Parking' was received from 'Downs for People'. Due to IT issues it was not possible to circulate this to the group, so it was agreed that the clerk would read the statement and Downs for People would provide a commentary. The statement was circulated to members after the meeting.

DFP commented that the committee has been considering clamping powers for individuals parking on the Downs, but showed mixed messages by allowing zoo parking on the Downs. They expressed concern that



negotiations with the zoo are private and their belief that as a matter of principle there should not be parking on the Downs at all. They said the parking area was being used for non-zoo parking after hours. They said the zoo should be charged higher fees for the site and the resulting income could be used to increase BCC enforcement capabilities.

At the invitation of the Chair, TR gave an update on the current negotiations with the zoo. There is a periodic licence, which is not at end but continuing. The agreement is between two bodies that are not public. The basis is an existing lease which runs until 2024. There have been number of discussions ongoing between the zoo and committee, including the matter of additional payments. There is no report here today because there is a new zoo director taking up position right now. The ongoing situation is being monitored by the sub-committee. The committee acknowledged public concern on this matter, but the agreement is a commercial interest between private bodies.

PA asked whether the agreement, once reached, could be made public.

ACTION OH to check if this would be possible.

5. Improving Protective Measures For Pedestrians At The Clifton Suspension Bridge And Avon Gorge

Chief Inspector Zoe Chegwin and Sergeant Will Stephens gave a presentation about increasing safety around the Clifton Suspension Bridge. ZC is chair for working group for reduction in suicides, which involves all emergency services, relevant charities such as Samaritans, universities / colleges and BCC. In last 6 months there have been 45 incidents at sea walls. In 1998, additional fencing was placed on the bridge which reduced suicides. There has been a recent increase in suicides, want to put up additional barriers in nearby areas to prevent attempts: Observatory, bird watching area and sea walls. The Sea Walls has considerable fencing so other areas are a priority. The observatory has a 100m knee high fence, bird watching fence is also very low. The working group will get a formal plan together then come back to the committee with specific proposals.

The committee thanked the police for their report, the formation and work of the suicide reduction working group and hope they will be able to support proposals in the future.

6. Downs Management Report

Melissa Inman gave a summary on events

The foodie festival went well overall, but had additional music this year which has created complaints. MI is picking this up with organisers. It was not raised at the planning stage that they would use amplifiers. Future events have a new provision about noise. Some members attended the event and enjoyed it, but were surprised by the level of noise.



The Lets Rock concert was on the Downs for the first time (Ashton Court previously). There were approximately 8000 customers. There were several complaints, which will be taken up with organisers. A full report will be produced for the events sub-group.

Race for life was held this weekend, but too soon for analysis

Gromit unleashed is now up and running

Have not heard from Student Union as yet on their plans

The circus is at end of the year, which usually goes smoothly

Tour of Britain event will take place in the first week of September. MI will update through the events group.

Ben Skuse gave an update on Downs Maintenance

We are carrying out remedial work. Goats are doing well, have increased consultation with dog owners.

Have a trial taking place for more frequent recycling bins. Chair welcomed recycling pilot scheme and asked about ongoing litter issues. Litter is bad over summer. Early morning sat/sun there will be litter which has not been picked up, but is then resolved when BCC staff are operating. Bristol Waste Company is producing marketing material that is helpful. Kingdom is the only company that is enforce littering in Bristol. They were city centre only, but are broadening remit. BS is not sure it will be commercially viable for them to cover the Downs. KD updated on the Kingdom trial, which has run for 9 months and generated 7000 fines. Downs would be hard to manage, but intent is to expand Kingdom into other parks. Committee thanked Ben and his team for their efforts in cleaning the Downs, which is an enormous job.

ACTION BS to check legality on whether FPNs for littering on the Downs would need extra byelaws

There is no summer bedding in parks apart from college green. BS has been speaking to business owners to get sponsored flower beds, but limitations on displaying sponsor signage. Some members asked if the committee could take a more active role in establishing summer bedding in future, by getting sponsors or by paying for bedding on Downs land via the committee itself.

ACTION BS to establish funding requirements and report to sub group.

Re: toll booth compound, prep work is done estimated finish March 2019. We need to specify fines for any overrun. Bridge Trust has appointed contractor.

There are a few issues about trees due to drought, with some felling required. Tree management are currently assessing them for risk. It is common for these tree species to shed limbs in droughts.

Members asked about fire plans, given the recent spate of wildfires across the country. BS said he would bring forward the hay cut to lessen fire risk.

Mandy Leivers gave an update on Education



Good time for teaching, as many species of flora and fauna are active. We have had over 1000 children visit, including 3 schools that have not been to the Downs before. Feedback from schools is very positive. We have held two Rainbow group evening sessions. Audience development plan with refugee families is going well. Held an intro session with families to build up the programme. Good link up with FODAG. Had great feedback from the families. Next session is 15 July and will be based on birds. 'Routes to wellbeing' working with elderly in St Pauls. On the first walk the weather turned, which put off some. Hopeful for the next one. Held the second Downs challenge activity, learning about trees, especially the whitebeam. We had a great joint event with zoo, including peregrine simulations. Have 2 peregrine chicks nesting, but we are unable to ring them due to location. ML will be going to the Downs music festival to promote her work.

7. Finance Report

Members discussed the issue of whether certain reports should be restricted or not. Some asked whether the minutes of the sub-committees could be included in the main Downs Committee papers. However, these documents have always been restricted in the past as they contain sensitive discussion between private bodies. It was agreed that there should be a summary document of the sub-committees activity included in the Downs Committee papers as per the last meeting.

ACTION OH to draft summary documents and include them in DC papers as a standing item.

There was a query on why the finance report is marked as confidential. Members said the report contained details of meetings between two private bodies and was commercially sensitive. Public disclosure would prejudice the committee's ability to do business, e.g. work with contractors and end of year public reports should be sufficient. Committee noted that JP's reports now contain much more detail than previous financial reports and so are not suitable for public view in current format.

ACTION Finance sub-group to establish what can or cannot be released to public.

Jemma gave introduced the finance report. BCC finance plan looking at reducing costs across the board. DC agreed to support this plan by bridging the Downs grant gap over 3 years to the value of £262k. In Jan 2018 looked like DC would better target and in end of year £98k has gone to reserve. 18/19 full budget indicated that it should be possible to break even by 18/19. We have saved £160k in real terms, big thanks to all teams involved.

At the invitation of the Chair, JB gave an update on toilets on the Downs. A planning application to replace the sea walls toilet is in. This includes a small cafe, which will cover the running costs and an education centre for ML. There are proposals for upgrading the changing rooms, which could integrate a public toilet. The aim of all proposals is to generate revenue while maintaining public conveniences. Do not plan to build new buildings, but replace old ones.

Noted that one sub-committee member had objected to the orientation of the proposed Sea Walls toilets.



DC pays £12k a year to maintain toilets. The combined Sea Walls cafe will cover itself. Stoke road is shortly to be reopened, but will need maintenance provision. Difficulty is locking at weekends. Sea Walls toilet is currently being opened and closed by St Monica's staff. Committee expressed their thanks for this.

Committee noted that the Downs League have agreed to increase in fees, which should generate around £20k revenue (dependent on number of teams playing).

8. FODAG Update Report

The FODAG report was noted

9. Any Other Business

BS raised that Vicky Cracknel, who is organising the Cycle Sunday event on 16 Sep, would like permission to create a loop by joining the Stoke Road pedestrian footpath. This would mean pedestrians cannot use it while event goes on. Members were uncomfortable about this being decided as AOB and requested an interim meeting of the events committee to decide it.

ACTION OH arrange events committee meeting ASAP.

Meeting ended at 1.00 pm

CHAIR _____



Downs Committee
Matters Arising Events & Finance Sub Group Meeting
5 September 2018 at 2.00 pm

Below is a precis of matters that were discussed at the Events and Finance Sub-Group. Note that confidential items discussed within this group cannot be published. For Events, Maintenance and Finance updates see their respective reports in this pack.

Concession Pitches

The sub-group is in the process of negotiating concession pitches. The need for an updated formal governance structure for Downs Committee was also discussed.

Blackboy Hill Urinal

There have been complaints about the condition of Blackboy Hill urinal. Sub-committee has authorised daily cleaning of the urinal until a long-term solution can be found.

Zoo Parking

Tim Ross has been contacted by the new Director of Bristol Zoo for an introductory meeting. Melissa Inman is investigating the possibility of holding minor events on the zoo parking area.

Meadow Area

We are trying to find out who determines the area of the Downs used for meadow / hay cutting and whether Downs Committee gets any income from the Rural Payments Agency.

Sea Walls Café

Development planning application has been submitted following amendments and is pending assessment.

Water Tower / Changing Rooms

Jonathon Baker met with Wessex Water to discuss the proposed Downs changing room development.

Travellers

Sub-committee discussed the increasing number of travellers on the Downs. A meeting with the BCC Traveller Officer was arranged.

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

DOWNS COMMITTEE 24 September 2018

Report of: Service Director, Neighbourhoods and Service Director, Culture

Title: Downs Management and Events report

Ward: N/A

Officers Presenting Report: Melissa Inman, Senior Events Officer
Ben Skuse, Downs Supervisor

Contact Telephone Number: 0117 9037141

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Policy

Not applicable

2. Consultation

a) Internal

John Williams, Area Manager North.
Becky Belfin, Parks Development Officer
Sarah Blazier, Operations Coordinator North
Ben Skuse, Downs Supervisor
Gemma Dando, Service Manager
Melissa Inman, Senior Events Officer

3. Events Report; provided by Melissa Inman.

Music Concert on the Downs 2018

The music concert held on the 1st September on the Downs organised by Team love was well organised with lots of positive coverage in the press. 500 tickets were made available to local residents at a 15% discount, no less than 22,500 tickets were sold. The position of the Main Stage was tweaked from 2016 and moved approximately 50m further away from local residence at both Sea Walls Rd, The Avenue and Julian Road.

There are strict off-site noise levels that Team Love are required to adhere to and, as with previous years, the organisers employ an independent company to monitor the levels. The appointed noise control consultant(s) is required under their premises license to monitor the noise levels throughout the duration of the event at positions as agreed with an authorised officer of Bristol City Council Pollution Control Team.

The organisers provided an alternative event from 7pm to 11pm at St Mary's Church, with complimentary music, food and beverages, to offer some respite and alternative entertainment to local residents.

BCC Arts and Events Team received two complaints from residents one of which was around not being able to bring their own food into the site the other regarding the impact of noise, both of which have been dealt with.

A full de-brief is due to take place with Bristol Safety Advisory Group on the 17th October 2018.

The Tour of Britain

The event was delivered by Sweet Spot and supported by Guy Fishbourne (Contracts Manager, Healthy Lifestyles and Place), Duncan Venison (Network Operations Manager, Traffic and Events Team) at Bristol City Council. The event site was active from 5am to 3pm, with site clear 7pm. The event fell on Tuesday when schools went back. We estimate approximately 4-5 thousand people attended the Downs to watch the start and finish, as well as enjoy the event village.

Parking was directed to Stoke Road. There was an overflow of 30 vehicles. The large lorries located on the grass were for the big screens that were covering the cyclists.

Proposed Schedule of Events 2019

The Site Permissions team and Ben Skuse, ground supervisor for the Downs, will discuss event proposals for the Downs 2019 to review those proposals received via the site permissions team for areas of the Downs including water tower, sea walls, show grounds and parameters of the Downs for walk and run events. Refer to Item 7.

The type of event, impact on local residents and businesses, transport infrastructure, dates and timings, ground protection, were all considered. It was agreed at the event sub group committee that members of the Event Subgroup are open to annual events returning but require that the new event proposals, including that of the Pride festival and the Downs Music Concert (extending their event by one day) present their proposals at a subsequent Event Subgroup meeting.

Circus Tender

The tender document is largely complete and complete tender documents will be circulated to the Event Subgroup committee for review. The tender agreement will be a 3 year contract from October 2019, with option to extend for one year. Proposed fees will start from £33k and build inflation (RPI) into the final contract.

4. Parks Update

4a) Avon Gorge and Downs Wildlife Project Education Programme; provided by Mandy Leivers.

From July to early September we engaged with 798 people through the education programme. We ran three guided walks (Butterflies of the Downs, Bat and moth night and Identifying galls) and a children's holiday event (Brilliant butterflies).

In July, we taught 405 school children and over the school holidays 188 children visited for play scheme sessions. Three schools and two of the playscheme groups visited for the first time as part of the Audience Development Plan project to widen the range of groups visiting the Downs. We were able to cover the transport costs for these groups with a grant from the John James Foundation (the cost of transport is a huge barrier to many groups, especially those from the less well-off areas of the city). We received lovely feedback from

one of our school sessions: "I'm so impressed by the thought and preparation you've put into your sessions - your resources are great. It's been wonderful to see children who don't normally engage in learning in the classroom, totally come alive and fully engage outdoors". (Year 3 teacher, St Nicholas of Tolentine Primary School).

We ran our third session with refugee families as part of the 'Wild Adventures Family Project' (this is the project that we are running in conjunction with Bridges for Communities, the Bristol City Council Inner City and East Bristol Health Improvement Team and Friends of the Downs and Avon Gorge, as part of the Audience Development Plan). The focus was on birds and the families took part in a bird trail, identifying species found on the Downs. We then took them over to participate in the Peregrine Watch Weekend, using telescopes and binoculars to catch some good views of the peregrines. We held two 'Downs Challenge' sessions with 16 children from Imayla (a project that supports children facing difficult times). The first of these focused on the peregrine falcons, and had fantastic sightings as the fledglings flew right overhead! The second session challenged the children to find out about spiders and mini-beasts. Experts from the Bristol Naturalists' Society joined us to share their knowledge and enthusiasm. By the end of the session, even the most squeamish children were engaging with the bug hunt and learning about the special purse web spiders that live in the Gorge.

At the beginning of the school holidays the Lord Mayor invited us to run some activities for her 'At Home' event at the Lord Mayor's Mansion. We created a bird trail in the garden and held a wildlife mask making activity to introduce her 29 guests to the wildlife of the Avon Gorge and Downs.

We also attended the Downs Festival at the beginning of September. We took along our display and range of leaflets and talked to festival goers about the wildlife of the Avon Gorge and Downs. Later in September we'll also be running a children's craft activity at the 'Cycle Sunday' event on the Downs.

4b) Management and Resources **Downs Team Report; provided by Ben Skuse.**

July through to August has seen almost permanent drought conditions and unfortunately, the pretty much permanent presence of travellers at the Downs.

Daily duties continue, many people come, much litter has to be cleared. The daily goat monitoring continues. One upside to the drought has been that we have not had to be constantly mowing grass which has freed up time for other activities. A lot of time has been spent clearing up after travellers after they have been moved on from one part of the Downs then pitched up on another!

Into September, the presence of two large scale events at the Downs has dominated proceedings and now that they are through there is significant work involved in getting our Football provision (29 pitches) ready for the 18/19 season. Happily due to favourable ground conditions before, during, and for the breakdown, the ground is in good shape and will quickly begin to right itself from the discoloured patchwork that it resembles directly after Team Love leave the site. Tractor mounted spiking and chaining operations take place followed by rolling to get the area suitable for Football once more. This transformation is a cause for concern each year, but with a good grounds protection plan from Team Love and the knowledge and skills within my team it is a transformation that has been successfully made again. Long may this continue, the marriage of events and football provision at the Downs will always be a challenge.

Final grass mowing will take us from now and into October where the team will once more

pick up the Downs scrub management 10 yr plan. Alongside Football provision twice a week we will work with this document across the Winter months.

Health and Safety

Members may remember from July's meeting that we had a presentation from Avon and Somerset police. They, as I do, sit on a working party looking at ways to decrease incidences of suicide off the Avon Gorge and bridge. This working party met again on Sept 10th and it was agreed to take one section of the areas identified and prioritise one 40m stretch of fence line for improvement first. I will raise this at the next Finance sub-group of this committee on October 31st.

It has been identified after being flagged by my team, that some of the stones in the wall at Sea Walls are becoming loose and causing the railings to have more play in them than should be the case. This is being looked at by a building and property surveyor from Bristol City Council. At time of writing I still await her report. Again any questions around approving spend etc will be put to the committee via the Finance sub group.

The Downs dressing rooms have suffered badly from break ins across the summer months. Repairs have been carried out, new security upgrades and schools being back will hopefully see this anti-social behaviour die down now.

5. Public Sector Equality Duties

5a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following "protected characteristics": age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:

- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
- ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
 - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
 - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - tackle prejudice; and
 - promote understanding.

6. Legal and Resource Implications

The Clifton and Durdham Downs (Bristol) Act 1861 provides that the Downs should remain as a place for the resort and recreation of the citizens of Bristol, and that a committee should be appointed to manage them. The recommendations of this report are within the powers conferred by this statute.

7. **Land:** The land is under the control of the Downs Committee.

8. **Personnel:** Not applicable

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers: None

Event	Build Dates	Operating Dates	Break Dates	Location	Bond	Ground Protection	Road Closures	Public Parking	capacity
Funderworld	25th March to 4th April	5th to 28th April	29th April to 3rd May	Water Tower Site	yes	Yes	No	Yes	1,250
Glow Run	13th April	13th April	13th April	perimeter/stationary event Water tower site	yes	TBC	yes	no	2,000
Blind Run	April/May	April/May	April/May	perimeter /stationary event Water tower site	N/A	not needed	yes	no	500
Foodies Festival	Early May	Early May	Early May	Show Ground Site - nearer whiteladies	yes	yes	No	No	5,000
Tough mudder - obstacle	May TBC	waiting to hear		perimeter	no	no	no	no	2,000
Ladyboys of Bangkok	4th to 6th June	7th to 18th June	19th to 20th June	Show Ground Site - further back	yes	TBC	no	no	400
Rainbow Run	Early June	Early June	Early June	perimeter/stationary event Water tower site	TBC	TBC	no	no	3000
Race for Life	28th June	29th and 30th June	1st July	Show Ground Site/Perimeter	TBC	TBC	yes	no	4,000
Open Air Cinema /opera theatre	tbc	tbc	July/August	Sea Walls Site	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Bristol Pride	10th to 12th July	13th July	14th to 15th July	water tower- need to produce sound analysis report	yes	yes	yes	no	10 - 15,000
Downs Festival	23rd to 30th Aug	31st Aug to 1st Sept	3rd to 8th Sept	Sea Walls Site	yes	yes	yes	no	30,000
Student Welcome Fair	Sept	Sept	Sept	Water Tower Site	yes	yes	no	no	7,500
Circus	Oct	Oct	Oct	Show Ground Site	yes	yes	no	no	400

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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Friends of the Downs and Avon Gorge.

September 2018

FOD+AG welcomes the opportunity to update the Downs committee on our most recent activities and some of the events planned for the coming months.

FOD+AG remains committed to its core values to represent legitimate users of the Downs and to support the City Council and the Downs committee in the good governance of the Downs.

FOD+AG has had a busy late summer with a comprehensive range of events and activities.

At the start of September FOD+AG members were on hand to man the FOD+AG stand in support of the Bee and Pollination Festival held at the Botanic Gardens.

Earlier this month Ben Skuse and FOD+AG member Martin Collins hosted an informative evening to discuss the history, progress and the future of the goat project in the Gully.

FOD+AG were also on hand with volunteers at Cycling Sunday on the 16th

Later this week we will be hosting one of our ever popular FODAG Social evenings. The event which is at Café Retreat will kick off with a walk and talk led by Francis Creenacre.

Throughout the summer months FOD+AG have led numerous Downs related walks and talks as well as supporting Mandy with her frequent activities.

This summer we introduced a painting and drawing event on the Downs. With trained artists on hand to assist this proved to be an extremely popular activity and is a project we are looking to develop.

Later this year we will be again attending the Freshers Fair with our display stand. We hope to gain support and increase membership from within the student community.

Once a month FOD+AG volunteers organise Conservation Sundays. These events tackle an agreed beneficial project.

Deep litter cleaning parties will once again be out and about this winter on the Downs removing rubbish from some of the less accessible areas.

Other key events planned include the Downs Star Party with experts on hand to observe the night sky.

A full list of all our events and activities are available on our website ***www.fodag-bristol.weebly.com*** We are also on Facebook and Instagram.

FOD+AG members frequently refer to us on matters of concern. Most recently we have received inquiries regarding the proliferation of assorted camper vans and caravans pitched up along Parry's Lane. Whilst remaining conscious of the plight of the homeless it does appear that little is being done to resolve the situation. One suggestion is that if the five-hour parking restriction was extended to all parts of the Downs then penalties could be applied.

Similarly, we field questions regarding the recent activities of travellers on the Downs who seem to come and go with impunity and extend their legal entitlement to the limit.

Concerns are raised about the cost to the overburdened taxpayers in following the legal process only to see it flouted with a quick return to another location.

FOD+AG members have indicated mixed support for the proposed Seawalls café and toilet proposal. Some are supportive in that the development will be an asset to the Downs and will sustain the future cost of toilet provision. Others have expressed views that the development is an unacceptable intrusion into this iconic landscape and falls short of the original proposal previously identified in the Downs Management Plans for a purpose-built visitor centre.