

SAVE OUR WEST PIER 16/06/2022

To; Councillor Steve Siddons -Mr David Kerfoot CBE-DL

Via your e-mail letter and through various public media outlets we have received your woefully inadequate responses to our serious and significant concerns.

We have discussed at length your statements.

It is interesting to note Mr David Kerfoot has confirmed by signing the letter, all the individuals of the Town Deal Fund Board are aligning themselves alongside the Council creating a formidable bureaucratic machine at odds with its intended purpose by standing against its own community.

The responses provided, simply ignore or deny everything even in the light of overwhelming evidence.
Surely evocative of Boris and partygate.

Cllr Siddons.....

Your insulting retorts indicating we are all ignorant of how things affect our own lives and that you know better and that you know what is good for us are not appreciated.

Your response about us all on Radio York - 8th June 2022 was staggering.
The community within our group of which you spoke is made up of over 94% of the Seafront businesses, residents and Fishermen all with a wealth of knowledge shouting out to be listened to and yet still you condemn us.

Quotation from Councillor Siddons;

“I HAVE LISTENED TO THOSE PEOPLE AND WITH ALL DUE RESPECT,
THEY ARE WRONG.”

Your contempt for us continues.

Our demands, all in line with what should have already taken place were for;

- 1.) An urgent public meeting.
- 2.) A clear intention from you to engage with us, your community, in line with Government dictates for Town Deal Funding.
- 3.) Sight of the business plan for the West Pier development.
- 4.) Sight of the application to Government for funding.
- 5.) All the documents showing the analysis and the results of the economic impact assessment consultations with expert retail sources regarding potentially detrimental or positive effects of the West Pier development on the rest of the business community.

YOUR RESPONSE WAS TO JUST TOTALLY IGNORE THEM ALL!

If you truly wish to add credence to your own words of;
“We are always willing to engage in constructive dialogue and consultation.”
“Our organisations welcome engagement with all sectors of the community.”

Here is your opportunity.

We demand one final time that you call an urgent public meeting for the whole community with appropriate representation from the Council, the Council Officers and the Town Deal Fund Board.

Please show the community the respect it deserves by replying with a simple statement by return with one of the following;

- 1.) The Council agrees to organise a public meeting for the whole community with regards to the West Pier with upmost urgency.
- 2.) The Council does not support a public meeting with regards to The West Pier.

In line with complete transparency and to keep everyone informed, our Seafront Community Action Group will continue to make public all our correspondence and we will continue in issuing statements of fact and interest regarding the West Pier development as they become apparent.

On behalf of the ,
Scarborough Seafront Community Action Group 2022

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