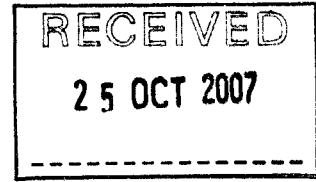


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Oct.24th 2007

Re-The Rye Partnership

Dear Councillor Osborne,

We are enclosing a petition from 60 Rye residents asking for an inquiry into the affairs of the Rye Partnership. Apart from its lack of achievement over most of its existence, its intervention in the local fishing industry and in our Library have been unhelpful. Its financial affairs have lacked clarity for most citizens here.

The departure of the Town Manager is surely an opportunity to reassess the role of the Partnership in Rye, and importantly to look at its relationship with the Town Council. We believe that the past history and present arrangements of the Partnership need to be looked at to avoid future errors. We also believe that it is essential to examine the function of a Town Manager.

Any inquiry needs to be independent of local interests within the Town and District Councils, and should make recommendations for the future.

Finally, it should be noted that the signatories include several ex-Town and District Councillors, as well as a number of those involved in the running of voluntary organisations within Rye.

Yours sincerely,

John Lee

K.W. Taylor

Dr. B. N. Head