

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

THE WASH EAST COASTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STAKEHOLDERS FORUM

**Minutes of the Meeting of the above held on Wednesday, 20th December, 2017
at 2.00 pm in the Valentine Road Office, Hunstanton.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Ian Devereux	-	Chairman
Councillor Richard Bird	-	Borough Council
Terry Clay	-	Heacham Parish Council
Guy Cooper	-	Environment Agency, Ipswich
Edward Davey	-	Hunstanton Clifftop Residents
Peter Frew	-	Environment Agency RFCC
Dan Glasson	-	AECOM
Estelle Hook	-	Norfolk Coast Partnership (AONB)
Peter Jermayn	-	Borough Council
Peter Lawton	-	SLH
Councillor Colin Manning	-	Borough Council
Andrew Murray	-	Civic Society/Hunstanton Town Council
David Norman	-	Heacham North Beach Owners Association
David Robertson	-	Environment Service, Norfolk County Council
Dave Robson	-	Borough Council
Michael Ruston	-	Hunstanton Chamber of Trade and Hunstanton Coastal Community Team
Victoria Wight	-	Natural England
Michael Williamson	-	Heacham Parish Council

		<u>ACTION</u>
1	<u>APOLOGIES</u>	
	Amy Balding - Marine Management Organisation	
	Richard Barker - Snettisham Parish Council	
	Paul Bland - Heacham North Beach Owners Association	
	Councillor Carol Bower - Borough Council	
	Simon Bower - Snettisham Parish Council	
	Paul Burrows - Environment Agency	
	Clare Campbell - Historic England	
	Ray Harding - Borough Council	
	Sam Lew - Wash and North Norfolk Marine Partnership	
	Andy Millar - Natural England	
	Kerry Rhodes - Anglian Water	

	<p>Mark Robinson - CIC Jim Scott - RSPB Rob Wise - NFU Councillor Avril Wright - Borough Council</p>	
2	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Devereux, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
3	<p><u>MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u></p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
4	<p><u>COASTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN</u></p> <p>Those present were informed that AECOM had been contracted, through a competitive tender process, to create the Hunstanton Coastal Management Plan. It was explained that background work, including reviewing previous reports and investigations, was now being completed and an interim report would be prepared for consideration. The interim report would look at all options which would then be shortlisted, following consultation with the stakeholders and the general public, and a further report would then be prepared which would include the preferred options in more detail.</p> <p>Dave Robson informed the stakeholders that a new page on the Borough Council's website would go live in early January 2018 and would include detail of these meetings, public consultation events and the interim report once it had been prepared. It was confirmed that the interim report would be published before the next Stakeholders meeting so that those who attended could feedback their comments on the proposals before the next meeting. It was clarified that the meeting today was to provide an overview of what would be included in the interim report and when Stakeholders would have the opportunity to comment on the options considered.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Stakeholders Forum would be held in February so that the interim report could be considered. A further meeting would then be held in April following a second round of consultation on the preferred options.</p> <p>The Stakeholders were reminded that no decisions had been made at this stage and the interim report would include a raft of different options, and this was necessary for future funding opportunities, to demonstrate that all options had been considered.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Peter Lawton and Dan Glasson to the</p>	

meeting. It was explained that AECOM would be producing the draft report. The stakeholders were informed that the following information was likely to be included in the interim baseline report:

- Definition of the range of work required
- Cost and Environmental implications
- Funding Opportunities
- Outline of the work carried out to date
- Review of existing data and results of additional investigations.
- Consideration to the historic environment and the wider Wash area
- Conditions survey of defences
- Review of previous economic analysis

Those present were informed that following publication of the interim baseline report consultation would be carried out with the stakeholders and the public and preferred options would be shortlisted for further analysis.

Information was provided on the current existing policies and investigations which had been carried out by AECOM including wave regimes, beach analysis and rate of cliff recession.

Information on the options to be included were presented to the stakeholders and it was reiterated that further detail, and the opportunity to comment on the options, would happen once the draft report had been published. The stakeholders asked questions, made comments and discussed some of the options presented at the meeting.

Those present were informed that there would be a press release once the interim report had been published and public drop in sessions would be held. Information would also be circulated to the stakeholders. It was suggested that information could be circulated for inclusion in Parish Magazines and Newsletters.

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GENERAL UPDATE

Dave Robson referred to the timeline which had been circulated with the agenda and highlighted the following:

- The interim report would be available on the Borough Council's website in January.
- A Stakeholders Forum and Public Drop in session would be held in February so that all had an opportunity to feedback on the report.
- The report and public drop in sessions would be publicised as appropriate and those present were encouraged to promote

	<p>the opportunity for the public to view and comment on the proposals.</p> <p>With regard to the Hunstanton Promenade, Unit B, it was explained that some repairs had been carried out during the summer including repairs to the top half of the prom and some emergency fixes. Further repair work was scheduled to take place in January 2018 and the detailed asset survey as part of the Coastal Management Plan would be used to identify further work required in the area. An update on Hunstanton Cliffs, Unit C, was also provided.</p>	
6	<p><u>FUNDING GROUP UPDATE</u></p> <p>Contributions were still being collected for the Heacham to Wolferton flood protection work, Unit C, via the CIC and works required had been identified. The cost of the annual recycling in 2017 had been covered and the work had been carried out successfully. Legal agreements between the Council and the Environment Agency had been completed recently and those with the CIC and Anglian Water were in the process of being drawn up.</p> <p>Those present were informed that the minutes from the funding group meetings were available to view on the Borough Council's website.</p> <p>Those present discussed voluntary contributions and it was explained that there was no way that the contributions could be made mandatory without new legislation being introduced.</p>	
7	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Terry Clay from Heacham Parish Council provided information on occasions where sand had been removed from outside properties on the beach front, which could put those properties and neighbouring properties at risk of flooding.</p> <p>Guy Cooper from the Environment Agency agreed to look into the issue and liaise with Terry Clay.</p>	
8	<p><u>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>February 2018 – date to be confirmed.</p>	

The meeting closed at 4.20 pm