

THE WASH EAST COASTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

STAKEHOLDERS FORUM

**Wednesday, 2nd October, 2019 at 10.00 am in the Meeting Room at
Valentine Road, Hunstanton**

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **INTRODUCTIONS**
3. **MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS
ARISING** (Pages 2 - 6)
4. **COASTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**
5. **GENERAL UPDATE**
6. **FUNDING GROUP UPDATE**
7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
8. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the above held on Monday, 9th April, 2018
at 11.00 am in the Town Hall, The Green, Hunstanton**

PRESENT:

Councillor I Devereux (Chairman)	-	Borough Councillor
Paul Bland	-	Heacham South Beach Owners Association
Amanda Bosworth (substitute: R Kent)	-	Hunstanton Town Council
Carol Bower	-	Borough Councillor
Guy Cooper	-	Environment Agency
Edward Davey	-	Hunstanton Clifftop Resident
Dan Glasson	-	AECOM
Peter Jermany	-	Borough Council
Andrew Murray	-	Civic Society
Dave Robson	-	Borough Council
Mike Ruston	-	Chamber of Trade
P S Lawton	-	St La Haye
Michael Williamson	-	Heacham Parish Council
Adrian Winnington	-	Hunstanton Town Council
Rob Wise	-	NFU

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2	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>At the invitation of the Chairman, those present introduced themselves.</p>																												

<p>3</p>	<p><u>MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u></p> <p>The notes from the previous meeting held on 27 February 2018 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Heacham Sand Dunes: It was reported that there were still issues with sand being removed from outside properties on the beach front, which could put those and neighbouring properties at risk of flooding. Meetings had been held with the home owners and the Environment Agency. Guy Cooper from the Environment Agency advised that Enforcement Officers had received complaints and appropriate action had been taken by Enforcement Officers.</p> <p>Following questions raised at the last meeting regarding the timescale relating to the height/level, Guy Cooper explained that he did not have the information available, but would report back direct to Group.</p> <p>Following comments made on “hold the line”, Dave Robson provided clarification and outlined the potential flood defence works.</p>	<p>GC</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><u>COASTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN</u></p> <p>Dave Robson provided the Group with an update, a summary of which is set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 2018 – AECOM report set out a long list of options – 15 for the Cliffs and 19 for the Promenade. • A consultation exercise had been undertaken on line and 24 comments/emails had been submitted. The responses had been passed to D Glasson and P Jermamy who had drafted a short list of options. • The display boards set out the details of the shortlisted options (a copy of which was circulated to those present). • 23 April to 18 May 2018 – Consultation on options appraisal report (shortlisted options). • April – May 2018 – Project Team to finalise: Options Appraisal Report, Management Plan and Develop the Outline Business Case. • May – June 2018 – Present finalised Management Plan and Outline Business Case to Borough Council's Management Team. • June 2018 onwards – Submit Coastal Management Plan and potential Outlined Business Case for consideration by relevant approval authority. 	

Dan Glasson also provided a summary of the progress made since the last meeting of the Group, as set out below:

Unit A

Long list of 15 options had been short listed to 5:

- 1 Rock Armour Revetment.
- 2 Timber Revetment.
- 3 Geotube/sandbag Revetment.
- 4 Beach Nourishment.
- 5 Relocation of key assets.

The slides circulated to the Group provided a summary of the results on the 5 short listed options.

It was noted that once the feedback had been received from the consultation exercise in May, the Borough Council would need to make an informed decision on the preferred option.

Unit B

Long list of 19 options, had been short listed as set out below:

- 1 Do Nothing.
- 2 Do Minimum.
- 3 Maintain.
- 4 Sustain.
- 5 Enhance (this option requires the greatest investment but will deliver the highest economic benefits).

The slides contained the detailed information on the above options.

The Group was advised that the report which would be released in two weeks' time would contain more detailed information on the short listed options for Units A and B.

Dan Glasson/Dave Robson responded to questions relating to:

- Pilot Study/schemes and potential length of cliff top to be included (no decision yet made).
- Drainage issues.
- Funding of the Pilot Study.
- Previous options considered – netting and sandbags.
- Contributory factors to erosion of cliffs.
- Protecting historic monuments on the top of the cliffs/potential option to relocate.
- Costs/potential funding to carry out works for Unit A.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future maintenance costs not included with options for Unit A. • Future maintenance costs included with options for Unit B. • New technologies identified for flood defence. • Rock armour option which had been utilised in other coastal areas, for example, Hemsby. • Cost of replacement of entire sea wall and groynes. • Eroding cliff line having an impact on the long term maintenance if works were not undertaken on a regular basis. • Sand levels on Hunstanton beach – initiative to dye sand in order to track where it went. It was noted that this had been carried out in other areas, but the outcome was not known. • Comments and opinions from the general public were considered and noted. • Public willingness to raise funding for the preferred option. 	
5	<p><u>GENERAL UPDATE</u></p> <p>Dave Robson provided a general update, a summary of which is set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trip hazards identified from the second Beast from the East storm. Funding was available to complete the necessary works from this financial year’s budget. • Emergency repairs would be undertaken. • There was no maintenance programme going forward until the end of the consultation process. • Hunstanton Coastal Communities Team/Hunstanton Prospectus dove-tailed with the work of the WECMS. It was reported that the Hunstanton CCT had allocated £100,000 to develop a scheme. The tender exercise was underway and 5 applicants were being interviewed on 10 April 2018. <p>Guy Cooper reported that the Environment Agency had undertaken their annual recycling work during March 2018. Before and After photographs were tabled. The subsequent easterly winds had removed the recently placed sand and the Environment Agency were reviewing where the sand had gone and what action to take.</p> <p>In response to comments and questions regarding regeneration in the southern area in Hunstanton, South Beach Road being in Flood Zone 2 and the flood defence points from Snettisham/Heacham, Guy Cooper, subject to LPP DM18 undertook to raise these questions with the Brampton office of the Environment Agency and report back to the Group.</p> <p>Dave Robson responded to questions relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of sand following the Beast from the East storm. 	GC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans to redistribute material on beach (could be part of the Beach Management Plan). • Existing groynes and potential options going forward. 	
6	<p><u>FUNDING GROUP UPDATE</u></p> <p>Dave Robson informed the Group that the CIC team were doing tremendous work in raising additional funding £300,000, which would contribute towards the recharge likely to be required in year 6.</p> <p>It was reported that a mini re-charge may be required.</p> <p>A meeting of the Funding Group was scheduled for 25 April 2018.</p> <p>The Group was advised that the legal agreement with the Environment Agency had been signed and would operate on a back to back basis with the CIC and Anglian Water which had also been recently concluded. It was noted that this model was being used in other parts of the country and if the model was to go forward, a local contribution would be required to maintain the work previous funded centrally.</p>	
7	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>There was none.</p>	
8	<p><u>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Devereux explained that the facility to enable conference calls for future meetings was being explored, this would then allow those travelling from afar to contribute to future meetings.</p> <p>It was suggested that unless there were any contentious issues resulting from the consultation exercise that the next meeting would take place in October 2018 – date to be confirmed.</p>	

The meeting closed at 12.34 pm