

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

THE WASH EAST COASTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – FUNDING GROUP

**Minutes of the Meeting of the above held on Thursday, 28th September, 2023
at 2.00 pm on Microsoft Teams**

PRESENT: Phil Hulme, Dave Robson, Jade Kite, Lorraine Gore and Catherine Harries.

		<u>ACTION</u>
1	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Mike McDonnell and Jonathan Glerum.</p>	
2	<p><u>MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u></p> <p>The notes from the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
3	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p><u>Email query – access to documents and attendance at meetings</u></p> <p>Dave Robson would respond to confirm that these meetings were not for the public to attend. The minutes were available to the public and other newsletters and communications provided the public with updates as required.</p> <p><u>CIC Bank Account</u></p> <p>Mike McDonnell had been looking at options for interest paying bank accounts for CIC funds.</p> <p><u>Updates to Hunstanton Town Council and HAG on repairs</u></p> <p>Jade Kite had provided updates.</p> <p><u>Transfer of Recycling funds owed to the Environment Agency to the Borough Council</u></p> <p>This had been completed.</p> <p><u>Monitoring Costs information and Legal Agreements</u></p>	

	<p>Chris Smith had circulated monitoring costs via email. It was confirmed that the existing legal agreements were still in place.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p><u>FINANCES AND FUNDING</u></p> <p>Officers had met with Mike McDonnell in advance of the meeting. The CIC had approximately £1.2 million in their account. Other funding options were still going forward as usual.</p> <p>Mike McDonnell was looking at options for gaining interest on CIC funds.</p> <p>The group discussed the impact of pausing the Recharge Work and it was explained that Recycling Work would continue and more information on the way forward would be available once the technical report was available.</p> <p>Comms would be carried out as required to inform that no decisions would be made until the technical report had been published.</p> <p>The Group considered the legal agreements for the recycling works and the % breakdown. It was noted that there was the option to do a Deed of Variation, but the Group considered that the rate of inflation going forward could impact the percentages, so forecasted costs would be used this year and then opportunities for adjusting percentages in future years could be looked at taking into account contingency planning and applying optimism bias.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p><u>COMMUNICATIONS</u></p> <p>The summer newsletter had been published.</p> <p>An update had been provided to the Stakeholder Forum on 21st September 2023.</p> <p>The Autumn newsletter would be prepared and circulated.</p> <p>Comms relating to the integrity and importance of the Shingle Ridge would continue and enforcement action could be taken by the Environment Agency as required.</p> <p>Press enquiries would be responded to as required noting that no decisions would be made until the technical report was available in the Spring and referring back to the timeline.</p> <p>Comms would be sent out relating to the scheduled recycling project in February.</p>	

6	<u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u> There was none.	
7	<u>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</u> Meetings would be held in February, Late April and September 2024 (dates to be confirmed).	

The meeting closed at 2.35 pm