

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

THE WASH EAST COASTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

**Minutes of the Meeting of the above held on Thursday, 26th September, 2024
at 2.00 pm, Remote meeting on Teams**

PRESENT:

Dave Robson – Borough Council
Kate Blakemore – Borough Council
George Fuhrmann – Environment Agency
Mike McDonnell - CIC

		<u>ACTION</u>
1	<u>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</u> Those present introduced themselves and welcomed the new Chief Executive, Kate Blakemore, to the meeting. Dave Robson provided a brief overview of the purpose of the Group and agreed to meet with the Chief Executive to provide further information on the Wash East Coastal Management Strategy.	DR
2	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Philippa Hulme – Environment Agency Jade Kite – Borough Council	
3	<u>MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> The notes from the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
4	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> At the previous meeting the Group were provided with detail of the costing for the recycling work and the Group felt that the cost was appropriate and were pleased with the outcome of the recycling work. It was noted that Recycling work was funded in the current programme up to 2031 and annual work would continue. Dave Robson confirmed that a newsletter had been circulated and comms had been focussed on the Shingle Ridge. A presentation had	

	<p>also been made to the Borough Council's Environment and Community Panel.</p> <p>Mike McDonnell commented that the newsletters worked well from his point of view and kept his members well informed.</p>	
5	<p><u>FINANCES AND FUNDING</u></p> <p>George Fuhrmann explained that the costs for the recycling work for the current financial year had been forecasted at approximately £100k. It was noted that this was an early forecast, so could be subject to change. It was noted that monitoring costs had been included in last years work, which were not required on an annual basis, so may reduce costs.</p> <p>The Group were reminded that there were currently no plans for Recharge work at the moment until all Policies had been reviewed. Costs were also prohibiting Recharge works being taken forward, but it was also noted that a Recharge was currently not required as the beach was in a healthy state and recycling work was working well.</p> <p>Mike McDonnell proposed that the next newsletter needed to include information on the success of the Recycling work meaning that a Recharge was unnecessary. Mike McDonnell commented that fundraising through the CIC would continue so that the funds were there to respond to work as needed.</p>	DR/JK
6	<p><u>LEGAL AGREEMENTS</u></p> <p>Dave Robson commented that the Legal Agreements ended at the end of the financial year and required reviewing and updating. Dave Robson undertook to start looking at arrangements for review.</p> <p>George Fuhrmann commented that as part of the process the yearly forecast should be reviewed so that it was more realistic.</p> <p>Dave Robson commented that he would also look at the master spreadsheet with the Environment Agency to ensure that all costs were up to date.</p> <p>Dave Robson to set up meetings with the Environment Agency and other relevant partners to review the Legal Agreements.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>DR</p> <p>DR/GF</p> <p>DR</p>
7	<p><u>COMMUNICATIONS</u></p> <p>Dave Robson provided detail of the comms and engagement events that had recently been carried out.</p> <p>Mike McDonnell commented that comms currently worked well and he</p>	

	<p>suggested a further newsletter highlighting the success of the Recycling works, meaning that a Recharge was not required.</p> <p>Comments were made that comms needed to be balanced and not overload residents and stakeholders.</p> <p>Dave Robson informed the Group that the next Stakeholders Forum would be scheduled for December.</p>	JK
8	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Mike McDonnell provided detail of the current balance of the CIC account which was approximately £1.4m.</p> <p>Mike McDonnell requested clarity on when the 40% Grant in Aid contribution would be drawn down to contribute towards the Recycling works for the 23-24 year. George Fuhrmann explained that the allotment was given once the financial transaction was processed. Mike McDonnell asked for clarity of where the draw down was held and George Fuhrmann agreed to circulate details of the costings and Grant in Aid allocation.</p>	GF
9	<p><u>MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2025</u></p> <p>Meetings would be scheduled for February, April and September 2025.</p>	
10	<p><u>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>February 2025, date to be confirmed.</p>	

The meeting closed at 2.36 pm