

**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, 6th February, 2025  
at 2.00 pm on Microsoft Teams**

**PRESENT:**

Dave Robson – Borough Council

Jade Kite – Borough Council

George Fuhrmann – Environment Agency

Philippa Hulme – Environment Agency

		<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
<b>1</b>	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>  Apologies for absence were received from Kate Blakemore (Borough Council), Mike McDonnell (CIC) and Jonathan Gelnrup (Anglian Water).	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u></b>  The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
<b>3</b>	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b>  It was noted that all recycling work had been completed during the summer.  It was confirmed that a newsletter had been circulated in November 2024 which highlighted the success of the recycling work.	
<b>4</b>	<b><u>FINANCES AND FUNDING</u></b>  Jade Kite provided an update from Mike McDonnell on the CIC accounts. It was explained the current balance of the CIC account was £1.4m.  In terms of the legal agreements, it was explained that Anglian Water had paid £100k but recently, the Borough Council had received little feedback from Anglian Water. Dave Robson and Jade Kite confirmed they would send an email to Anglian Water to check their engagement and whether they were doing anything else in terms of the agreement.	<b>DR/JK</b>

	<p>It was explained annual recycling costs for the current financial year were up by 30%. It was noted that the cost of the works was just under £118k.</p> <p>Dave Robson asked if there was any surplus in the balance. The below figures were shared with the Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Total: £129,500.00</li> <li>- FCRM GiA (circa 41%): £52,638.80</li> <li>- Contributions (circa 59%): £76,861.20</li> </ul> <p>It was explained that once the carryover amount of £2,725.56 was removed from the figure, there would be a total of contributions of £74,135.64.</p> <p>Dave Robson commented that the master spreadsheet needed updating. Dave Robson also asked whether it was worth rethinking the legal agreement.</p> <p>George Fuhrmann explained for the next financial year, five yearly monitoring would be in place.</p> <p>Dave Robson commented that the programme and costs needed to be looked at and discussed with partners.</p>	
5	<p><b><u>COMMUNICATIONS</u></b></p> <p>The autumn edition of the Local Sea Defences Newsletter had been published and circulated in November 2024.</p> <p>Philippa Hulme suggested publishing the next Local Sea Defences Newsletter in March/April 2025.</p> <p>Mike McDonnell had asked if an hours site visit could be arranged when the next recycling works would be undertaken. Recycling work was due to start week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025. George Fuhrmann confirmed he would look for some dates and contact Mike McDonnell.</p> <p>Philippa Hulme asked if the Wash East Coastal Management Strategy (WECMS) review timeline could be included within the newsletter. Dave Robson advised they were flexible with the newsletters and would be able to include it in future editions.</p> <p>George Fuhrmann informed the Group that if funding was confirmed, that this would be announced April 2025.</p>	GF
6	<p><b><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p>	

	<p>Dave Robson commented that a discussion needed to be had to cover Unit B and to monitor the erosion at the top end of the Wash. He added that they needed to look at the funding options for this work.</p> <p>George Fuhrmann explained there was a pocket of money for tidal monitoring which they could have more flexibility over.</p> <p>Dave Robson explained they needed to find out further detail of what the model could and could not do in respect of longshore and cross-shore drift.</p>	
7	<p><b><u>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 2.00pm on Microsoft Teams.</p>	

**The meeting closed at 2.40 pm**