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Minutes of Llandudno Coastal Forum Meeting
Thursday 11th February, 2016

1. THOSE PRESENT

Clr Frank Bradfield - Conwy County Borough Council
Mrs Eileen Burrows – Llandudno Chamber of Trade
Clr Dave Cowans - Environment, Roads & Facilities, CCBC
Mr Geraint Edwards - Environment, Roads & Facilities, CCBC
Clr Dewi Miles - Conwy County Borough Council
Ms Alison Shields - Restore Our Beach
Mr Mike Shields (Restore Our Beach)
Mr Dyfed Rowlands - Environment, Roads & Facilities,
CCBC
Mr Gerry Sweeny – Friends of West Shore
Mr Nigel Treacy - Destination Conwy **(Chairman)**
Ms Debbie Wareham - Ships' Timbers **(Secretary)**

APOLOGIES

Mr Peter Byron – Friends of West Shore
Clr Glynne Davies - Llandudno Town Council
Mr John Farrell – Restore Our Beach
Mr Edward Hiller - Mostyn Estates Ltd
Mr Berin Jones - Llandudno Hospitality Association
Mr Paul Moreton – RNL
Clr Greg JT Robbins - Llandudno Town Council **(Vice
Chairman)**
Ms Rachel Roberts – Independent Conceptual Artist

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

3. MINUTES

No changes were brought forward from the previous minutes, therefore it was agreed to accept the minutes of the Forum meeting held on 28th January, 2016.

4. URGENT ITEM

None received at the time of publication.

5. West Shore Proposals

Cllr Dewi Miles (CCBC Elected Representative) confirmed that he had contacted Welsh Water about developing the shower facilities at west shore. This was received positively by Welsh water.

Mr Nigel Treacy (Chair) confirmed that he had contacted a Representative from the RYA about the shower facilities at west shore and she confirmed she would like to have a say in this.

Cllr Dewi Miles (CCBC Elected Representative) confirmed that he now had a specific contact for Welsh water so he will get in contact with that person to arrange a meeting on the west shore, and will let the Forum chair know. Cllr Miles has also asked about replacing / repairing lamps on the west shore. This will be looked into also.

Mr Gerry Sweeny (FWsh) confirmed that at the last Friends of west shore meeting the west shore issues were discussed and their main issues were the cycle path, windblown sand, and the dunes. Mr Sweeny will forward the minutes onto the Forum Secretary.

Ms Wareham (Secretary) confirmed she would integrate the issues raised by the Friends of West Shore into the LCF general document being developed about the west shore.

Mr Gerry Sweeny (FWsh) added that the Friends of west shore group felt that parking issues and proposed parking charges should be part of the LCF discussions.

Ms Alison Shields (RoB) asks if removal of rocks from steps, sewage, and drainage are on the list. Ms Shields (Rob) also highlighted that there had been issues with sewage on the west shore, which was unacceptable.

Ms Wareham (Secretary) confirms that removal of rocks and sewage are on the list, but she will add drainage.

Cllr Dewi Miles (CCB Elected Representative) confirmed there he had met with a representative from Welsh Water some time ago and that there was nothing running through the pipe.

Mr Gerry Sweeny (FWSh) confirmed that Welsh Water had been seen repairing the pipe.

Cllr Dewi Miles (CBC Elected Representative) made further comments about the current West Shore parking Issues. Cllr Miles confirmed that in the previous week, there had been a meeting of the Customer Overview and Scrutiny Committee (08.02.016) which had discussed parking, but this was not finalised yet at all, and it was being misinterpreted by people. Further negotiations were due to happen with local residents to take their views on board. That negotiations with residents would take place was confirmed by the CCBC representative who is dealing with the matter. Cllr Miles stressed that there are no definite proposals yet. Cllr Miles also added that the issue of parking right across Conwy, not just the west shore, was being discussed to make charging fairer across the whole County.

Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC – ERF) commented that consultation will be needed and the report is all about creating fairness across the County. It will be going through Cabinet (23.02.2016).

Cllr Frank Bradfield (CCBC – Elected Representative) commented that he also had been approached about parking. It will deter people coming to the west shore.

Ms Alison Shields (RoB) asked if a letter could be written to Welsh Water about the sewage and drainage issue for evidence.

Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC – ERF) confirmed that it is Welsh water who is responsible.

Cllr Dewi Miles (CCBC – Elected Representative) confirmed that Welsh Water had walked the length of the pipe but there is nothing going through the pipe.

Forum Chair asked who is going to champion this matter?

Cllr Dewi Miles (CCBC – Elected Representative) confirmed that he would contact Welsh water about this in order to sort all the issues out at one time. And he will ask for the written evidence at the same time.

Ms Wareham (Secretary) asked for clarification about the location and issue about the blocked drains on the west shore.

Mr Gerry Sweeny (FWSh) confirmed that although no evidence of blocked drains had been seen with water coming back up drains, it is the outlet pipe that is currently blocked and which is causing concern.

Ms Wareham (Secretary) asked Cllr Miles if when he speaks with Welsh water he could ask them about the blocked drainage pipes also.

Cllr Dewi Miles (CCBC - Elected Representative) confirmed that he will ask about the drainage pipes and get written evidence of that too.

Ms Alison Shields (RoB) asked if parking charges go ahead could they be set at a reasonable level to accommodate the various needs of families which could be set right across Conwy.

Mr Gerry Sweeny (FWSh) commented that many people park at west shore who stay at smaller hotel and it will put people off visiting.

Forum Chair commented that there seems to be confusion about process of consultation which can be found on CBC website. Lack of understanding about giving feedback generates fear. Could Council make it more obvious what this process is?

Cllr Dewi Miles commented that much scrutiny went on about the parking at the last Scrutiny meeting which is how it should be. Getting the right facts is important, and discussion is needed.

Chair asks what role does the LCF have in this issue.

Gerry commented that consultation is important, and people feel that no one will ask them their opinion. Accessing the CCBC is not easy.

Forum Chair confirms the information is there but it is not very easily signposted.

Ms Alison Shields (RoB) suggested that a Forum is set up by CCBC for people to ask questions. And most people do not know what Scrutiny is, and navigating the CCBC website is not easy so chat room would help.

Cllr Dave Cowans (CCBC – Elected Representative) confirms that this is corporate process and there are five sites for further consultation and investigation is suggested as feedback from the Consultation Report on Parking in Conwy.

Mr Gerry Sweeny (FWSh) commented that people do not know what further consultation is.

Ms Wareham (Secretary) asked for clarification of the next step in the process.

Mr Geraint Edward (CCBC – ERF) replied to say that the issue will be heard at Cabinet on 23.02.2016, to seek further proposals, and there will be further consultation on any additional areas.

Chair suggests that the Forum does not want to get bogged down by this.

Ms Wareham (Secretary) asks for clarification on the way forward on the parking issue, suggesting that Cllr Dewi Miles (CCBC – Elected Representative) brings any development on this matter back to the Forum, and the matter of Parking will be added to the wider LCF list of issues for the west shore.

Chair asks about the representative value of the Friends of West Shore Group, and do they have a constitution. To make sure LCF is not missing anyone out from the west shore.

Mr Gerry Sweeny (FWSh) confirms the group will get involved in any relevant issues to the west shore area. They are likely to have a constitution.

Ms Wareham (Secretary) asks about the remaining issues on the LCF West shore list.

Forum members consider each item on the list and any changes are noted by the Forum Secretary.

Chair asks about Marine Licenses and do they have to be reapplied for.

Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC – ERF) clarifies that Marine Licenses have to be applied for every year.

Mr Mike Shields (RoB) asks if Marine License is needed for the construction of a board walk

Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC – ERF) comments that a license would not be needed.

Cllr Dave Cowans (CCBC – Elected Representative) suggests that the schematics for the funding Big Lottery: Create your Space is discussed at the next Coastal Forum Meeting. The Biodiversity mentioned is very appropriate for the Funding, but should be developed further with Member of CCBC and Members, outside the Forum.

Ms Wareham (Secretary) explains that the discussed list will form the schematics for the Big Lottery Fund. Ms Wareham suggests she will look at the criteria for the Big Lottery Fund, and give feedback in four weeks.

6. North Shore Interim Work – Update

Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC / ERF) commented that there is still no update as yet, until we hear from the Welsh government about the funding which will be in February / March 2016.

7. LLANDUDNO BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN / FEASIBILITY STUDY – UPDATE

Agenda Item 7 was discussed with Agenda Item 6.

8. LCF WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA – UPDATE

Ms Debbie Wareham (LCF Secretary) confirmed that she had now been added as an Admin to the LCF Facebook Page and that she had also been able to update the LCF Website with the latest minutes. Mr John Farrell (RoB) has confirmed that he will make Ms Wareham and Admin for the LCF Twitter Account. Mr Nigel Treacy (LCF Chairman) reminded the Forum of the Chronology he had written about the Forum progress since the group was first formed and asked for feedback before adding the file onto the LCF website. Ms Alison Shields (RoB) suggested that events leading up to the start of the Forum should be included within the Chronology including the involvement of the 'Restore Our Beach' Campaign Group as it played a key role in getting the Llandudno Coastal Forum set up in the first instance. Ms Shields (RoB) offered to add this section to the chronology.

9. MATTERS ARISING RELEVANT TO THE LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM

None

10. TO DISCUSS OR NOTE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A letter was received from Mr Tony Lockett (Llandudno Sailing Club) confirming that he is be happy to be an advisor to the Forum, and contacted if needs be. Forum Members are very thankful to Mr Lockett for agreeing to lend his ongoing support to the Forum.

11. TO NOTE THE TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 25th February, 2016, at 18:00hrs in the Town Hall, Llandudno.

MEETING ENDED 20:10HRS