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COASTAL
FORUM

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Minutes of Llandudno Coastal Forum Meeting
Thursday 17^h March, 2016

1. THOSE PRESENT

Cllr Frank Bradfield - Conwy County Borough Council

Mr Peter Byron – Friends of West Shore

Mr Berin Jones - Llandudno Hospitality Association

Cllr Dewi Miles - Conwy County Borough Council

Cllr Greg JT Robbins - Llandudno Town Council (**Vice
Chairman**)

Ms Alison Shields - Restore Our Beach

Mr Mike Shields (Restore Our Beach)

Mr Gerry Sweeny – Friends of West Shore

Mr Nigel Treacy - Destination Conwy (**Chairman**)

APOLOGIES

Mrs Eileen Burrows – Llandudno Chamber of Trade

Cllr Dave Cowans - Environment, Roads & Facilities, CCBC

Cllr Glynne Davies - Llandudno Town Council

Mr Geraint Edwards - Environment, Roads & Facilities, CCBC

Mr John Farrell – Restore Our Beach

Mr Edward Hiller - Mostyn Estates Ltd

Mr Paul Moreton – RNLI

Ms Rachel Roberts – Independent Conceptual Artist

Mr Dyfed Rowlands - Environment, Roads & Facilities,
CCBC

Ms Debbie Wareham - Ships' Timbers (**Secretary**)

The members of the Forum expressed grave concern at the absence of the 2 Officers and Cabinet Portfolio member from CCBC. It was highlighted that the recent CCBC Scrutiny and Overview Committee had decreed that membership and attendance at the Forum by these members was an important element that must continue. It was also noted that Cllr D Cowans had made a statement to the Forum when first attending that he would be at all meetings. Cllr Robbins suggested that a letter from the Chairman to these representatives should be sent raising the concerns of the Forum at the decreasing attendance from ERF and the Councillor with Portfolio. Chairman agreed to do this.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr G Robbins and Cllr F Bradfield declared a previous awareness to item 8 on the Agenda as they had both been party to the Planning decision when put before LTC and agreed.

3. MINUTES

The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by G Sweeney and seconded by Alison Shields.

3.1 Matters Arising from Previous minutes

Item 5: Cllr D Miles informed the Forum that he is meeting with Gwenan Davies of DWR Cymru on 21.03.16.

Item 5.2: Cllr F Bradfield said he has stated to CCBC that he feels it is essential that he is included on the Task and Finish Group. Cllr G Robbins also informed the Forum that LTC have written to Iwan Davies to say that the Council totally disagrees with any charges being introduced for parking in Llandudno.

4. URGENT ITEM

None received at the time of publication.

5. West Shore Proposals

The developing document regarding west shore proposals was discussed by Forum members, and noted by the Chairman for updating by the next meeting.

Cllr D Miles was requested by Mr P Byron to ask Mrs G Davies during their meeting why there is a container permanently next to the pump building as this equipment should be stored within the confines of the building.

A.S raised the point that the stones which are placed in front of the stepped revetment at West Shore were not part of the agreed Sea Defences in 1995 and there should be questions asked and investigations made as to why these have been placed there when the Stone Groynes were determined as the Sea Defence method required at West Shore. Mr Geraint Edwards is requested to report back to the next meeting with the answer regarding this.

B.J raised his concerns that a Public Consultation that was agreed in the January meeting has not been arranged. Following discussion, it was agreed that the revised list of proposals for the West Shore be brought to the next meeting and that these would then be placed on appropriate materials to form the basis of a Public Consultation. These would then be used to gather feedback from the Public on what they would like to see and would not like to see happen at West Shore. This was proposed by Mr G Sweeney and seconded by Cllr F Bradfield and agreed by all present.

Mr P Byron suggested approaching Mr P Ashe of the Lilly to see if a suitable room within the building could be used for this. The agreed Target dates for this Consultation are Friday 6th May 2016 to Sunday 7th May 2016 with a fall back of the following weekend if necessary.

The Chairman requested that the Public Consultation be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

6. North Shore Interim Work – Update

The Chairman read out an email received from Mr D Rowlands of CCBC in which he stated that he could confirm that there are currently No Interim Works Planned for The North Shore.

B.J pointed out that in November when discussing the report going to Scrutiny and Overview Committee in December, Mr Rowlands had confirmed that there were funds to clear Kiddies Corner before the season and to maintain it during the Summer and that access ways would be created to reach the beach following successful trials last season. The latest letter from Mr Rowlands suggests that this has now been dropped without consultation with the Forum.

The members of the Forum expressed grave concerns that the agreed interim works and maintenance of North Shore has now been cancelled. Mr D Rowlands is requested to provide a detailed account of progress against the works details in the report and agreed by Scrutiny and Overview Committee at the next meeting of the Forum.

7. LLANDUDNO BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN / FEASIBILITY STUDY – UPDATE

Following the discussion around this agenda item, the Forum agreed that when a Feasibility Study Consultant is being appointed 2 members of the Forum be invited to each and every meeting and following appointment, that this should continue to be the process when meetings are being held with CCBC or Welsh Assembly.

It was also agreed that any and all documentation used in the Feasibility Study be approved by the Forum and that no other documentation not agreed by the Forum be included or permitted in the study

8. RNLI Llandudno New Lifeboat station- Sea Wall and Rock Armour

Cllr G Robbins informed the Forum that an updated application for planning had been submitted by the RNLI. This referred to the sea defence for the site and submitted for Rock armour.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Public has been seriously misled by the RNLI in that the images put out with the Press Release do not show the real sea defence that will be installed.

All members of the Forum felt that Mr P Moreton as a member of the Forum should attend the next meeting to present the drawings for the Lifeboat station and the defences that will be installed. This is in order for the Forum to consider any risks involved with this proposal and for The RNLI to allay any fears the Forum have regarding this site. This was proposed by BJ and seconded by Cllr G Robbins. All present were in agreement.

B.J raised concern that the approved defence may be perceived to be setting a precedent for sea defence on the North Shore and should not have been agreed without being discussed with the Forum.

9. MATTERS ARISING RELEVANT TO THE LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM

Mr M Shields highlighted the success of the Sand defences at Colwyn Bay in preventing damage and erosion to the sea front at Colwyn Bay where they are present. He also highlighted the damage done to the sea front where no sand existed as a reinforcement of the effectiveness of sand to dissipate the energy of the storm wave. Cllr G Robbins pointed out that the storm waves had once again been of great impact at Colwyn Bay but minimal wave height had been seen at Llandudno.

10. TO DISCUSS OR NOTE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Chairman reminded all members of the Forum that any correspondence relating to LCF work must be circulated to all members via the Secretary.

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

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 31st March, 2016, at 18:00hrs in the Town Hall, Llandudno.

MEETING ENDED 20:05HRS