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Minutes of Llandudno Coastal Forum Meeting
Thursday 28th April, 2016

1. THOSE PRESENT

Mr Geraint Edwards - Environment, Roads & Facilities, CCBC

Mr Berin Jones - Llandudno Hospitality Association

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

Mr Mike Shields Restore Our Beach

Mr Gerry Sweeny – Friends of West Shore

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

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr Frank Bradfield - Conwy County Borough Council

Mrs Eileen Burrows – Llandudno Chamber of Trade

Mr Peter Byron – Friends of West Shore

Cllr Dave Cowans - Environment, Roads & Facilities,
CCBC

Mr Edward Hiller - Mostyn Estates Ltd

Mr Dyfed Rowlands - Environment, Roads & Facilities,
CCBC

Ms Alison Shields - Restore Our Beach

Mr John Farrell – Restore Our Beach

Cllr Dewi Miles - Conwy County Borough Council

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

3.1 To receive the minutes of Thursday 14th April, 2016 as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by Mr Mike Shields and seconded by Mr Berin Jones.

3.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes of 14.04.2016

Cllr Greg Robbins (Vice Chair) clarified that Llandudno Town Council has offered £20,000 for use towards the feasibility study, or the interim works.

4. URGENT ITEM

Cllr Greg Robbins (Vice Chair) highlighted that the frequency of meetings should be addressed in context of Member attendance suggesting a task based calendar rather than meeting calendar. Mr Nigel Treacy (Forum Chair) commented that Members may need energising as they were getting fatigued so if the Forum looks at having a strategical set of dates set around Council announcements or project consultation review. Forum Chair asks when the next strategical date is for the Forum. Ms Wareham (Forum Secretary) confirms that the next critical date is the West Shore Public Consultation followed by the Presentation to the Forum by John Ratcliffe (NRW) on Dune Ecology scheduled for 2nd June, 2016. Cllr Robbins identifies that 2nd June would give enough time to analyse feedback on the Public Consultation results. It was agreed that the next Llandudno Coastal Forum Meeting would be on 2nd June, 2016.

5. West Shore Proposals

Cllr Greg Robbins (Vice Chair) commented that the matrix of west shore issues will be a very good template to base the content of the exhibition displays for the Public Consultation combined with photographs. Exact specifics will be determined when Cllr Robbins, Mr Mike Shields and Ms Debbie Wareham meet to discuss the development of the exhibition displays.

Ms Wareham (Forum Secretary) confirmed that the room has been booked at the Lilly Restaurant for the three days of 13th /14th /15th May, and explained arrangements to drop off the boards and set up the exhibition. Publicity was agreed for the week before the consultation date.

It was agreed to put a full set of exhibition displays on the website for people to give feedback online, for an additional two weeks. Forum Chair asked if Mr John Farrell could be asked to prepare a page on the website for this purpose. Ms Wareham (Secretary) agreed to do this.

Mr Berin Jones (LHA) requested that a timetable for the Consultation is circulated for Members to complete. This was agreed.

West Shore Amendments were discussed and the phrase 'rock armour' seemed misleading and needed rewording.

It was confirmed that following the Consultation the information for the Consultant would be updated. Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC – ERF) conformed that all information will go to the Consultant.

Cllr Greg Robbins (Forum Chair) confirmed that the specifics of the consultation documents will be confirmed next week, and draft documents will be circulated for approval.

Ms Wareham (Forum Secretary) asked about printing. Cllr Robbins (Forum Vice Chair) confirmed that Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC – ERF) had offered that CCBC would do the printing.

6. North Shore Interim Work – Update

Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC – ERF) confirmed that CCBC had received on (28.04.2016) conformation of funding from Welsh Government for a Beach Management Plan for Llandudno. There were some inaccuracies in the document which has to be sent back, but on the basis of the approval the procurement process will now begin to secure a Consultant. It will not be until tenders are received back from Consultants that CCBC will know how much money has been awarded.

Cllr Robbins (Forum Vice Chair) asks about publicity about this. Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC- ERF) confirms that he will email when we can make this announcement.

Cllr Greg Robbins (Forum Vice Chair) comments that further to knowing how much money will be made available from Welsh Government for the Beach Management Plan, discussions can then be arranged to decide how money already allocated from the Llandudno Town Council, can be match funded by CCBC for interim works to the north shore.

Mr Mike Shields (RoB) asks how soon works can start on the Beach Management Plan. Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC – ERF) confirms that the tender award would be within June. It is important to give the Consultants enough time to scope the work properly. Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC – ERF) confirms that beach maintenance contractors are contracted for three years so there would be no delay to beginning interim works. Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC – ERF) confirms that CCBC have a current license to do a substantive element of the interim work, and confirms that CCBC have also applied for an additional licence, and is awaiting confirmation of that additional license from NRW. The current license does not allow works to progress below mean low water.

Mr Berin Jones (LHA) asked about the scope that is going to be sent out is sent to Forum Members for approval first. Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC – ERF) confirms that the scope has been circulated to the Forum and agreed. This was confirmed by other Forum Members. Mr Edwards (CCBC – ERF) offered to recirculate the document, which can still be added to if needed.

Ms Wareham (Forum Secretary) asked about the timescales that were set. Mr Edwards (CCBC – ERF) explained that he would revisit that programme and resend it.

Members were extremely delighted to hear the positive news about the funding from Welsh Government and thanked Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC – ERF).

7. LLANDUDNO BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN / FEASIBILITY STUDY – UPDATE

Item seven is included in item six.

8. Conwy Herring Gull Task Group

Cllr Greg Robbins (Forum Vice Chair) confirmed that CCBC has set up a Herring Gull task group and if Members have any comments they wish to ask the Task Group then they can contact the group. A poster with contact details will be circulated to members.

9. RNLI LLANDUDNO NEW LIFEBOAT STATION – SEA WALL AND ROCK ARMOUR

The Forum Chair shared his concern that Members had not received all the correct information about this issue, and to clarify the content of the letter from the Forum Members.

Mr Gerry Sweeny (FrWsh) asked if all the checks have been done what has this issue to do with the Forum.

Mr Mike Shields (RoB) conformed that the rock armour would be a cause of concern for children.

Cllr Robbins (Forum Vice Chair) confirmed that the safety of the rock armour is the issue. Also the issue from the Town Council is that the Rock Armour was not shown on the original drawings.

Mr Mike Shields (RoB) confirms that the document in the newspaper was not a true representation of the actual building. The amount of rock armour being included did not appear to be justified given the location of the new Lifeboat Station being so high up on the promenade.

It was also stressed that internal email correspondence within the Council also highlighted that it was surprising that more objections to the planning application were not received given the proposed rock armour, and the current issue of the sea defences.

The Forum Chair summarises that a letter will be drawn up asking if the RNLI have considered the hazards of the rock armour.

Mr Berin Jones (LHA) highlights that there was no recommendation from CCBC that the issue of the new lifeboat station sea defence was brought to the Forum to consider.

Ms Wareham (Forum Secretary) points out that Cllr Frank Bradfield, was the nominated CCBC Elected Representative, to give comment on the RNLI planning application as was Llandudno Town Council. Both of these representatives are members of the Coastal Forum and should have brought the proposed RNLI Sea Defences to the attention of the Forum.

Cllr Robbins (Forum Vice Chair / Llandudno Town Council) comments that Llandudno Town Council did not have an issue with the proposed RNLI sea defences as they are standard means of sea defence and the planning application suggest that most of the rock will be buried by sand.

Mr Mike Shields (RoB) comments that there is no sand there to bury such rock armour. Mr Shields reiterates that if a letter is written to the RNLI then clarification of the rock armour can be given.

Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC – ERF) confirmed that the new Beach Management plan will also comment on private structures, such as the new RNLI Lifeboat Station.

The Forum Chair asks how the Forum can be kept up to date with local developments. Cllr Greg Robbins (Forum Vice Chair) agreed to email the Forum Chair of any potentially relevant planning applications that are being considered. If any issues are highlighted then it was agreed that a Forum Meeting can be arranged to address that at short notice, if needs be.

Cllr Greg Robbins (Forum Vice Chair) confirms that the RNLI will be responsible for the sea defences surrounding the new Lifeboat Station.

10. MATTERS ARISING RELEVANT TO THE LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM

Ms Wareham (Forum Secretary) pointed out that a section of the pier wall has been cut away and thrown onto the sand below. It was highlighted that modifications can be made to a listed building, but planning permission is needed. It was asked if planning permission had been sought for this. This is being investigated.

11. TO DISCUSS OR NOTE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

An email has been received from Ms Rachel Roberts (Conceptual Artist) confirming that she has resigned from the Llandudno Coastal Forum. Members would like to thank Ms Roberts for the hard work she has given towards achieving the aims of the Forum, and especially for the excellent exhibition materials developed for the north shore public consultation in 2015.

Mr John Ratcliff (NRW) has confirmed that he will be giving a presentation to Forum Members about Dune ecology on 2ND June, 2016.

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

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 2nd June, 2016, at 18:00hrs in the Town Hall, Llandudno.

MEETING ENDED 20:00HRS