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Minutes of Llandudno Coastal Forum Meeting
Thursday 31st March, 2016

1. THOSE PRESENT

Mr Peter Byron – Friends of West Shore
Mr Geraint Edwards - Environment, Roads & Facilities, CCBC
Mr John Farrell – Restore Our Beach
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 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
Cllr Dave Cowans - Environment, Roads & Facilities,
CCBC
Cllr Glynne Davies - Llandudno Town Council
Mr Edward Hiller - Mostyn Estates Ltd
Mr Paul Moreton – RNLI (**Resigned**)
Ms Rachel Roberts – Independent Conceptual Artist
Mr Dyfed Rowlands - Environment, Roads & Facilities,
CCBC

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Dewi Miles informed Forum Members that he is now Chairman of the CCBC Task and Finish Group which has been recently set up to address the issue of Parking Charges across Conwy County. Cllr Miles informed the group that he is unable to discuss matters of the Task and Finish Group with the Forum, but if Members had concerns they wish to be heard, they could bring those objections forward to the Group.

3. MINUTES

3.1 To receive the minutes of Thursday 17th March, 2016 as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Greg Robbins and seconded by Cllr Dewi Miles.

3.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes of 17.03.2016

Cllr Dewi Miles confirmed that he had met with Welsh Water representative Ms Gwenan Davies to discuss issues raised affecting the west shore. Cllr Miles confirmed that Welsh Water would be sorting out the water outlet pipe, and that Ms Davies had spoken with Ms Wareham (Ships' Timbers) about the Ar Lan y Mor Project. The matter of the three containers outside the pumping station was discussed. They assist the workers at the pumping station to operate machinery. It was noted that two containers were inside and one outside. The matter of planning permission for the containers was mentioned, which will be investigated.

Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC – ERF) clarified that CCBC Officers were unable to attend the last LCF meeting as the date of the meeting coincided with another Committee Meeting which they had to attend.

4. URGENT ITEM

None received at the time of publication.

5. West Shore Proposals

5.1 Ref 1 (31.03.2016): Table of west shore issues (prepared by LCF) – Updated (29.03.2016) (circulated via email)

Ref 2 (31.03.2016): Plan of west shore with list of issues - prepared by Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC – ERF) (circulated via email)

- 1. To consider text and list of options in Ref 2**
- 2. To compare Ref 1 with Ref 2 with a view of updating / affirming Ref 2**

Members considered Document 5.1 Ref 1 (31.03.2016) and agreed further amendments. There was no time to consider how the amended list compares with Ref 2 (31.03.2016) hence Members will compare reference 1 with reference 2 at the next meeting.

5.2 Ref 1 (31.03.2016): Bull, C., Davis, A., and Jones, R., (1998) The Influence of Fish-Tail Groynes (or Breakwaters) on the Characteristics of the Adjacent Beach at Llandudno, North Wales. *Journal of Coastal Research*, 14(1), pp.93-105.

There was some discussion of this paper by Forum Members.

Ms Alison Shields (RoB) mentioned the bad smells offshore that people had been complaining about, and that although the groyne had a positive effect, to break waves, it had not raised sand levels as hoped and instead had a negative effect.

Cllr Greg Robbins (Forum Vice Chair) confirmed that he had never received a complaint about any smells originating from offshore. This was also affirmed by Cllr Dewi Miles, who also emphasised that there is no sewage at west shore. Cllr Robbins went on to comment that there may have been some sewage capture from down the river at Black Cat, but this was definitely not from a local source. Cllr Miles added that west shore is a blue flag beach. It was pointed out that the date of the paper was 1998 hence the content of the paper may not now be relevant. Mr Berin Jones (LLHA) commented that the Groyne had not delivered what it had said it was going to, suggesting that the sediment build up, which was not necessarily linked to sewage, has an effect on the quality of sand.

Concerns were raised about the justification of constructing the groyne in the first instance. Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC – ERF) explained that the stepped revetment that was there previously was not adequate to dissipate the force of the waves impacting the west shore. The results of the paper did confirm that the groyne was effective to dissipate wave energy at west shore.

5.3 LCF West Shore Public Consultation May 2016

It was agreed to hold a Public Consultation on 13 / 14 / 15 May 2016, at The Lilly Restaurant, West Shore, Llandudno. Cllr Greg Robbins (Forum Vice Chair) and Mr Mike Shields (RoB) will prepare materials supplemented by the Drawings of the West Shore prepared by Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC - ERF). Ms Alison Shields (RoB) agreed to co-ordinate the Consultation arrangements as she had done this for the north shore consultation. Cllr Greg Robbins (Forum Vice Chair) agreed to prepare a timetable template for Members to complete indicating their availability to attend the Consultation. Cllr Robbins will send this timetable to the Forum Secretary for circulation to Members.

5.4 Ships' Timbers – Ar Lan y Môr Project

There was no time to discuss this Agenda Item so it will be considered at the next meeting.

6. North Shore Interim Work – Update

Members expressed concern that the CCBC update of 17th March 2016 indicated that there would not be any interim works to Llandudno's north shore in 2016. Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC / ERF) confirmed that interim work will be carried out at Llandudno's north shore. The details of the work are being decided along with any changes which may be needed to the existing Marine Licences.

7. LLANDUDNO BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN / FEASIBILITY STUDY – UPDATE

Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC – ERF) confirmed that he had hoped to have received feedback on funding by now. Mr Edwards confirmed that he will write to Ms Wareham (LCF Secretary) as soon as he receives confirmation about the funding of the new BMP.

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

Mr Paul Moreton (RNLI Llandudno) had sent some information via email to the LCF Secretary about this matter. There was no time to discuss this Agenda Item during the meeting, so it will be considered at the next meeting.

9. MATTERS ARISING RELEVANT TO THE LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM

None

10. TO DISCUSS OR NOTE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

10.1 Ref 1 (31.03.2016): Email to Mr Paul Moreton RNLI Llandudno re: LCF Meeting attendance (17.03.2016)

An email was received from Mr Paul Moreton (RNLI Llandudno) confirming his resignation from the Forum. Ms Wareham (LCF Secretary) replied and thanked Mr Moreton for his contribution to the Forum which had been of great value.

10.2 Ref 1 (31.03.2016): Email sent to Dr Emmer Litt (NRW) requesting suitable dates to give a presentation to LCF Members about Dune ecology (17.03.2016).

LCF Secretary will inform Members when a reply had been received.

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

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 14th April, 2016, at 18:00hrs in the Town Hall, Llandudno.

MEETING ENDED 20:00HRS