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LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM
OCTOBER 9TH 2014

THOSE PRESENT

Cllr Frank Bradfield - Conwy County Borough Council.
Cllr Dewi Miles - Conwy County Borough Council.
Mr Berin Jones - Chairman, Llandudno Hospitality Association.
Cllr Greg JT Robbins - Chairman, Beach Working Party, Llandudno Town Council.
Mr Edward Hiller - Chief Agent & Managing Director, Mostyn Estates Ltd.
Ms Alison Shields - Chair, Restore Our Beach.
Mr John Farrell - Secretary, Restore Our Beach.
Ms Debbie Wareham – Ships' Timbers.
Mr Ken Finch - Strategic Director, Democracy & Environment. CCBC.
Mr Geraint Edwards - Head of Service Environment, Roads & Facilities. CCBC.
Cllr Mike Priestley - Portfolio Holder, Environment, Roads & Facilities. CCBC.

APOLOGIES

Mr Roy Haley - Chairman, Llandudno Coastal Forum.
Mr Nigel Treacy – Destination Conwy.
Mr Gerry Sweeny – Friend of West Shore.
Cllr Garry Burchett - Llandudno Town Council.
Mr Tony Lockett - Llandudno Sailing Club.
Mr Paul Moreton - R.N.L.I.

ABSENT

Mrs Eileen Burrows - Llandudno Chamber of Trade.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Dyfed Rowlands - Flood Risk and Infrastructure Manager CCBC.
Mr Jez Hemmings - North Wales Weekly Newspaper.

AS AGREED at the Forum meeting of September 25th 2014 Cllr Greg JT Robbins (LLTC) chaired the meeting in the absence of Mr Roy Haley.

1. MINUTES

Ms Debbie Wareham (Ships' Timbers) requested that item #4 on page 2 of the minutes for September 25th 2014 be amended (please see amended minutes of that date)

IT WAS THEREFORE AGREED that with the inclusion of the requested amendment the minutes of the Llandudno Coastal Forum meeting held on Thursday 25th September 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record.

At this time the Chairman reminded Members of the procedures regarding requests for the amendment of Forum Minutes.

2. URGENT ITEMS RELATING TO THE LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM

The Chairman informed members that there were now 2 urgent items for discussion as a request had been received from Restore Our Beach earlier in the day.

2.1 Proposed coastal protection works by Conwy County Borough Council at the West Shore Llandudno - Item requested by Cllr Greg JT Robbins (LLTC).

Representatives of Conwy County Borough Council engineering team present at the meeting were asked to explain why, Llandudno Town Council had received notification of the proposed coastal protection work at the West Shore Llandudno, and the Forum had not, especially since the Forum had been set up as the Llandudno Coastal Forum to look at Llandudno holistically and this included the West Shore along with the North Shore.

It was explained to members that the proposed work would be to replace materials lost during the winter storms along the West Shore frontage, this would comprise the importing of approx 1,300 cubic meters of material, similar to the material that had been lost. The works would only commence when Conwy County Borough Council had received the necessary approval from Natural Resources Wales and when all necessary data had been collected to allow the project to progress from the design stage. When all details had been finalized they would then be shared with local businesses, residents, Town Council and Forum etc, but at this time nothing had been finalized.

Members felt that it was important that Conwy County Borough Council were more upfront and volunteered information to the Forum rather than having to be asked to do so.

The discussion moved on to whether there was a need for this work to have planning permission and if it did why, when the work carried out on the North Shore" hadn't required such permission.

It was explained to members that clarification had been sought regarding the North Shore prior to the recent replenishment works carried out there. As a result:-

IT WAS THEREFORE REQUESTED, by Members that Conwy County Borough Council provide the Forum with clarification and a de facto answer as to why planning permissions were needed for the work at the West Shore and not for the work carried out on the North Shore and what is the difference.

IT WAS ALSO REQUESTED, that the data on beach survey levels that Conwy County Borough Council had prior to 2001 (going back to at least 1996, but possibly further) was also put into graphical change format, as had the data since 2001 for the presentation, and that this be presented to the Forum. Mr Dyfed Rowlands Flood Risk Infrastructure Manager (CCBC) agreed to do this for the Forum

2.2 A request had been received from the Restore Our Beach representatives to have the previously commissioned reports into Coastal Protection/Sea Defence for the North Shore to be examined by an independent body.

- Shoreline Management Partnership (SMP) *
- Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick *
- Posford Duvivier

***These reports are currently available via the Forum's "Data Room"**

Specifically the "Posford Duvivier" report commissioned by the former Aberconwy District Council as the Restore Our Beach representatives believe the answer to the issues facing Llandudno's North Shore could be found within this report. Members were provided with a brief verbal outline of the report's content, by the Restore Our Beach representatives.

During the course of the discussion that followed several members expressed concerns on pursuing the matter until they had been given the opportunity to read the report(s) as it had yet to be circulated to members. As a result:-

IT WAS AGREED that Restore Our Beach would provided Cllr Greg JT Robbins (LLTC) with a paper copy of the "Posford Duvivier" report which he could then scan & upload to the Forum's data room, therefore providing members with easy access to the report(s).

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED to place contents of the report on the agenda for discussion, of the Forum meeting in two weeks, as this would allow members to familiarize themselves with the contents of the reports.

3. PRESENTATION BY MR GERAINT EDWARDS (CCBC)

Members received an extensive and informative presentation from Mr Geraint Edwards, Head of Service, Environment, Roads and Facilities (CCBC) as agreed at the Coastal Forum meeting of September 11th 2014 regarding:

- Data on sand acquisition / loss, and movement across Llandudno North Shore.
- The tidal patterns, and how this effects the beach movement.
- Comparisons of the historical data regarding levels & movement of sand from when the promenade was constructed, and the wooden groynes were in place, compared to the current situation, and the situation prior to the rock recharge works.

During the course of his presentation Mr Edwards (CCBC) was asked a number of questions by members on the information contained within his presentation.

The Chairman and Members thanked Mr Edwards (CCBC) for his highly informative presentation as it had highlighted a number of points that members felt were pertinent to the Forum and showed that a considerable amount of data had and was being collected which would be essential for any future feasibility study regarding the North Shore. This information would in turn aid in defining the scope of work for a future consultant, and provide valuable data for future beach modeling work and help to provide solutions for different parts of the beach, that would be effective and provide Llandudno with a North Shore beach that meets the "Forums Terms of Reference".

The frequency & level of monitoring that takes place on the North Shore, was questioned by several members, who were surprised to find out that Llandudno North Shore had one of, if not the highest levels of monitoring on the North Wales coast, as Natural Resources Wales had identified Llandudno as an at "Highest Risk Area". This statement was challenged by a number of members, it was therefore suggested to members that the Forum invite a representative of Natural Resources Wales to a future meeting, to explain the reasoning behind this.

The chairman and Members again thanked Mr Edwards (CCBC) for his presentation.

Please see Email attachments for the data used during the presentation.

4. MEMBERS VISION(S) FOR LLANDUDNO NORTH SHORE.

At the Coastal Forum meeting of September 25th 2014, members had been provided with an A3 size laminated representation of Llandudno's North Shore for the purpose of illustrating their visions for a future North Shore. Due to the amount of time taken up by earlier agenda items.

IT WAS DECIDED by members to place this item for discussion on the Agenda for 23rd October, as members felt it was important to devote sufficient time to this item.

IT WAS REQUESTED that Conwy County Borough Council provide 2 Large Paper copies of a Base Plan of Llandudno North Shore to carry out the above exercise only on are larger scale drawing.

5. ANY OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM.

5.1 Tidal Heights item 4 from minutes of Forum meeting of September 25th 2014

Ships' Timbers had identified that Tidal Heights for Llandudno from 1854 to 1900 had been identified in an old Llandudno publication. However, the heights being shown were very different from today in a way that might suggest an inaccuracy. Conwy County borough Council offered to have a look at the data to try to explain this. Further work will be carried out on this information

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

No correspondence had been received.

7. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The Time and Date of the next meeting was confirmed **6pm on THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2014.**

All items for possible inclusion on the agenda of **THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2014**, must be submitted in writing / via email for consideration by the Chairman by no later than **10am THURSDAY 16th OCTOBER 2014**. Prospective agenda items should include a brief description of the topic for discussion.

At this time Cllr Mike Prestley (CCBC) give his apologies to the Forum, as he would be unable to attend the Forum meeting of meeting of 23/10/2014.

MEETING ENDED AT 8:15 pm