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MINUTES
LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM MEETING
6TH NOVEMBER 2014

THOSE PRESENT

Mr Roy Haley - Chairman, Llandudno Coastal Forum
Cllr Frank Bradfield - Conwy County Borough Council
Mr Berin Jones - Chairman, Llandudno Hospitality Association
Mr Tony Lockett - Llandudno Sailing Club
Cllr Greg JT Robbins - Chairman, Beach Working Party, Llandudno Town Council
Cllr Gary Burchett - Llandudno Town Council
Mr Edward Hiller - Chief Agent & Managing Director, Mostyn Estates Ltd
Ms Alison Shields - Chair, Restore Our Beach
Miss Rachel Roberts - Restore Our Beach
Ms Debbie Wareham - Ships Timbers
Cllr Dave Cowans - Cabinet Member for Highways, Environment & Sustainability CCBC
Mr Geriant Edwards - Head of Service Environment Roads & Facilities CCBC

APOLOGIES

Cllr Dewi Miles - Conwy County Borough Council
Mrs Eileen Burrows - President, Llandudno Chamber of Trade
Mr Paul Moreton - RNLI
Mr Ken Finch - Strategic Director, Democracy & Environment CCBC
Mr Gerry Sweeny - Friends of West Shore

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Dyfed Rowlands - Flood Risk & Infrastructure Manager CCBC

ABSENT

Mr Nigel Treacy - Destination Conwy

There were no members of the press present at the meeting.

The Chairman and Members welcomed Cllr Dave Cowans Conwy County Borough Council to his first Coastal Forum meeting. Cllr Cowans thanked the Chairman and Members and stated he looked forward to working with the Llandudno Coastal Forum.

Cllr Dave Cowans (CCBC) has taken over Cabinet responsibility for Highways, Environment & Sustainability from Cllr Mike Prestley at Conwy County Borough Council and will now be attending Forum Meetings.

1. **MINUTES**

IT WAS AGREED to accept the minutes of the Llandudno Coastal Forum meeting of the 23rd of October 2014, as a true and correct record.

2. **URGENT ITEMS RELATING TO THE LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM**

THERE WERE NO URGENT ITEMS

3. **TIDAL LAGOON**

THIS AGENDA ITEM DID NOT TAKE PLACE

4. **REPAIR WORKS AT THE WEST SHORE LLANDUDNO**

Members received a much welcomed explanatory presentation from Mr Dyfed Rowlands Flood Risk and Infrastructure manager for Conwy County Borough Council, which expanded on his email regarding Conwy County Borough Council's preferred option for the Coastal Repair Works to The West Shore Llandudno (email previously circulated to members). Members were provided with plans of the proposed work similar to those in Mr Rowlands (CCBC) email only on a larger scale along with a copy of the application for a Marine License for the proposed work, for them to inspect on the night.

Mr Rowlands and Mr Edwards (CCBC) were asked a number of questions by members on the preferred option for the coastal protection works, which included questions regarding:-

- Public access to the beach during the period of the repair works
- Site Health and Safety
- Traffic Management and Health and Safety of vehicles delivering to and leaving the site
- Specifics of type of materials to be used for the scheme
- The difference in the height of the beach pre and post scheme
- The level of protection residents and businesses would have from possible flooding whilst the work was being carried out.

It was explained to members that :-

- Public access to the beach would be made available
- Traffic management, Health & Safety and Site Health & Safety were a priority and a series of measures and systems would be put in place to ensure this
- The difference in the height of the beach would be approx 0.5 metres (Half a Metre)
- The material used would be quarried limestone of a type similar to that used at Deganwy and previously used at the West Shore
- The contractor carrying out the work would be made fully aware of their responsibilities to local residents and businesses during the period of the works.

Members were further informed that the works would take approximately 3 weeks (Three Weeks) and were not expected to start until early 2015.

The Chairman and members thanked Mr Rowlands and Mr Edwards for their presentation.

5. **MEMBERS VISIONS FOR LLANDUDNO NORTH SHORE**

Mr Geriant Edwards (CCBC) provided members with a series of drawings that had been developed from the discussion members had at the previous Forum meeting. It was explained to members that at present these drawings were only conceptual. Members divided up into a number of small groups to discuss the various draft concepts.

The exercise highlighted a number of ideas members felt it was important to progress to the next level, these included :-

- Raised rear wall and possible front wall to promenade.
- Groynes as protection both on the beach and off shore.
- Sandy beach from the Pier to the Hydro Hotel.
- Replacement of old wooden jetties with new boat launch platforms.
- Sectioning of beach into specific areas eg Recreation, Family, Activities, Sporting, Dog Walking etc.
- Installation of protection around slipways.
- Development of paddling pool area at the Craig y Don end of the promenade.
- Installation of children's play area and beach huts, along with on shore protection of paddling pool incorporating a sandy beach area.
- Potential low level parking area at Bodafon fields.
- Public toilets at several locations along the length of promenade.

Mr Geriant Edwards (CCBC) agreed to take away the ideas members had come up with and do further work on them on behalf of the Forum. Members commented that they would like to have a greater number of drawings but with fewer ideas on each drawing as at present having all of the concepts on one drawing was confusing.

Members felt it was important to disseminate the work they were currently doing to the public, in ways other than social media and online. It was therefore decided to explore the idea of setting up drop in session(s) at a local venue which would be easily accessible to the public, and have members of the Forum present to engage with the public and discuss the work of the Forum with them.

6. **MATTERS ARISING RELEVANT TO THE LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM**

1. Ms Alison Shields (ROB) informed the Forum that she had been contacted by a member of the public regarding the cost of the re profiling work currently being carried out on the North Shore of Llandudno. Mr Geriant Edwards (CCBC) informed the Forum that until Conwy County Borough Council received an invoice from the contractor for the work he did not have an exact figure, but expected the cost of the work to be in the region of £15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Pounds).
2. Ms Debbie Wareham (Ships Timbers) informed the Forum of an offer she had, had from Bangor University in conjunction with a report she was currently compiling regarding the collection of data on beach & sediment movement on the North Shore. Members thanked Ms Wareham for her offer but were concerned about the Forum and the officers of CCBC currently working with the Forum becoming bogged down with data, especially as the Coastal Forum's current mandate to find possible solutions for Llandudno ends January 2015. It was also highlighted to members that there could be a potential conflict of interest in relation to issues of procurement processes in the future if Bangor University were to undertake this work.
3. Cllr Garry Burchett (LLTC) informed the Forum that unfortunately this would be his last Forum meeting as a Llandudno Town Council representative. The Chairman and Members thanked Cllr Burchett for his time on the Forum.

4. Press release to the public, Members expressed a desire that the Llandudno Coastal Forum release a statement to the Press, regarding the work that had been done by the Forum since its inception in early August.

IT WAS THEREFORE AGREED that Mr Roy Haley (Coastal Forum Chairman) prepare a statement for release to the press regarding the progress the Forum has made. The statement would be sent to Forum members for approval prior to release.

Members also stated that it would be beneficial to send some type of statement to the next meeting of the Llandudno Promenade Consultative Group. Members were informed that this could be difficult as the Group next meets on 13th November 2014.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

NO CORRESPONDENCE HAD BEEN RECEIVED

8. **DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The Date and Time of the next meeting of the Llandudno Coastal Forum was confirmed as **THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER at 6pm** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Llandudno.

At this time the Chairman Mr Roy Haley informed members that he would be unavailable for the next Forum meeting due to be held in two weeks time.

IT WAS THEREFORE AGREED to ask Cllr Greg JT Robbins (LLTC) to chair the Forum meeting of **THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER**.

All items for possible inclusion on the agenda of **THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2014**, must be submitted in writing or by email, for consideration by the Chairman by no later than **10am on THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2014**.

Prospective agenda items must include a brief description of the topic for discussion.

Meeting finished at 7.45pm.

8.11.2014