



LLANDUDNO  
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## **Minutes of Llandudno Coastal Forum Meeting**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015**

### **1 THOSE PRESENT**

Mr Roy Haley – Chairman  
Cllr Glynne Davies - Llandudno Town Council  
Mr Geraint Edwards - Environment, Roads & Facilities. CCBC  
Mr John Farrell – Restore Our Beach  
Mr Ken Finch - Democracy, Regulation & Support, CCBC  
Mr Berin Jones - Llandudno Hospitality Association  
Mr Paul Moreton – RNLI  
Mr Gerry Sweeny – Friends of West Shore  
Ms Alison Shields - Restore Our Beach  
Mr Nigel Treacy - Destination Conwy

### **APOLOGIES**

Mr Dewi Miles - Conwy County Borough Council  
Cllr Dave Cowans - Environment, Roads & Facilities, CCBC  
Mrs Eileen Burrows - Llandudno Chamber of Trade  
Mr Edward Hiller - Mostyn Estates Ltd  
Cllr Greg JT Robbins - Llandudno Town Council  
Cllr Frank Bradfield - Conwy County Borough Council  
Ms Debbie Wareham - Ships' Timbers Ltd  
Mr Tony Lockett - Llandudno Sailing Club  
Ms Rachel Roberts – Independent  
Mr Dyfed Rowlands - Environment, Roads & Facilities. CCBC

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were received

### **3 MINUTES**

Restore Our Beach requested that item 5 be amended; it was then suggested that it be discussed as part of the meeting. The Chairman highlighted it as item 6 on the agenda and confirmed it would be discussed then.  
No other changes were brought forward for the previous minutes.

**IT WAS AGREED** to accept the minutes of the Forum meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 with clarity regarding item 5 being made in this meeting.

### **4 URGENT ITEMS RELATING TO THE LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM**

West Shore Sand – Item requested by Llandudno Town Council. Correspondence was tabled regarding the ongoing problem with sand on the West Shore paths. Mr Ken Finch said that he is aware of the correspondence but the matter is a maintenance issue and not a future plans issue that the forum is established to develop.

## 5 MEMBERS VISION FOR LLANDUDNO NORTH SHORE

Concerns were raised that the public are perceiving CCBC as imminently merging with Denbighshire CC and there are concerns being expressed that this project will be dismissed during the merger process and that assurances should be sought from CCBC Cabinet that this will not happen. It was also suggested that a timetable of what the next steps will be should form part of the consultation displays.

## 6 ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The public exhibition display units are being created by CCBC and Ms Rachel Roberts and should be ready for the public exhibition. It was agreed by members that moving the display units between locations could lead to them being damaged.

Mr John Farrell (Restore our Beach) highlighted the need to have a long consultation so the public feel that respectable time had been given to allow the public to view and respond. It was raised that a period of 35 days was common in public consultations.

The Chairman agreed that there had been no formal proposal seconded and voted on at the previous meeting and given the importance of the matter a vote would be appropriate. After lengthy discussion about the details of the consultation a proposal was put before the meeting, seconded and voted on.

**IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that a Public Consultation process take place for seven (7) calendar days in what was previously Betty's Fabrics shop (subject to Mostyn Estates approval – *note approval received subsequent to the meeting*) from Saturday 21st February 2015 with a period of 28 days from commencement for written responses to be received. Specific details of the process to be agreed at the meeting on Thursday 12th February 2015.

**IT WAS AGREED** that Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC) is to forward to all forum members, by email, a copy of the consultation process and supporting documentation used at the Colwyn Bay consultation so members can consider what they would like to do and what questions they would like to ask in preparation for the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

The times the exhibition in the shop will be open will need to be varied and supported by all members of the forum as it is not just for CCBC to support this. Times will be agreed at the meeting on 12/02 as will a schedule be drawn up for manning the shop.

**IT WAS AGREED** that a press Release be made about the consultation. (*Note – issued on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015*)

## 7 CLARIFICATION OF RESTORE OUR BEACH REPRESENTATIVES

It was proposed that Ms Rachel Roberts be allowed to become a permanent part of the forum as an additional member to enable consultation about the illustrations; this was voted on.

**IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that Ms Rachel Roberts attends in her own right to assist the committee and is not a third representative for Restore Our Beach.

## 8 DISCUSSION OF COST OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Restore Our Beach queried the funding of the feasibility study and what steps have been taken to gain CCBC Cabinet and LTC approval of funds.

Cllr Glynne Davies (LTC) confirmed that the LTC Finance & General Purposes Committee has resolved to allocate funds to the LTC Beach Working Party in view of a potential feasibility study on the North shore beach. These funds now need to be approved by Full Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015. (*Note - these were approved*)

Mr Ken Finch (CCBC) said it is unlikely to get CCBC cabinet approval by 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 however he will ensure that the subject is discussed at the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 Cabinet meeting. He also highlighted that it is not currently

possible to put a formal figure to the costs as the consultation has not been completed and therefore we have no formal scheme to seek funding against. It was also suggested that Mostyn Estates need to contribute to the funds for the scheme. There is also possibility of seeking funding from Wales Government and also from European Government.

The Chairman suggested that we consider allowing interested members of the public to contribute through a "Crowd" appeal for funding and Mr Berin Jones (LHA) asked whether a forum member whose organisation is properly constituted and has registered accounts could be used as a body to apply for funding and to administer it? Mr Ken Finch (CCBC) suggested this could be done.

#### **9 INTERIM MEASURES WITH REGARD TO ACCESS TO THE BEACH**

Mr John Farrell (Restore Our Beach) highlighted that the current unsafe access to the beach needs to be resolved and suggested that a temporary structure be installed, such as a walkway, for the tourist season of May to September. He suggested that this would also show good faith to the residents of the town who wish to see change to the beach access.

Mr Paul Moreton (RNLI) outlined how locations on the south coast of England plough an access section out of the shingle for the summer and put it back in September or before a storm if one is due sooner.

**IT WAS AGREED** that Mr Geraint Edwards (CCBC) would scope some options for the meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

#### **10 MATTERS ARISING RELEVANT TO THE LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM**

None received.

#### **11 TO DISCUSS OR NOTE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

None received.

#### **12 TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The members felt that the next planned meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 could be cancelled and be replaced with a meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 as planned. This was proposed, seconded and voted on.

**IT WAS AGREED** that the next meeting of the Llandudno Coastal Forum will be on **THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 at 6pm** in The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Llandudno.

**MEETING ENDED at 7:50pm**