



LLANDUDNO  
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FORUM

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

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

### **1 THOSE PRESENT**

Mr Roy Haley – Chairman  
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 Geraint Edwards - Environment, Roads & Facilities. CCBC  
Mr John Farrell – Restore Our Beach  
Mr Ken Finch - Democracy, Regulation & Support, CCBC  
Mr Edward Hiller - Mostyn Estates Ltd  
Mr Berin Jones - Llandudno Hospitality Association  
Mr Tony Lockett - Llandudno Sailing Club  
Mr Dewi Miles - Conwy County Borough Council  
Cllr Greg JT Robbins - Llandudno Town Council  
Ms Rachel Roberts – Independent Conceptual Artist  
Mr Dyfed Rowlands - Environment, Roads & Facilities. CCBC  
Ms Alison Shields - Restore Our Beach  
Mr Gerry Sweeny – Friends of West Shore

### **APOLOGIES**

Mr Paul Moreton – RNLI  
Mr Nigel Treacy - Destination Conwy  
Ms Debbie Wareham - Ships' Timbers Ltd

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were received

### **3 MINUTES**

It was noted that item 8 should read 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015. No other changes were brought forward for the previous minutes.

With regard to item 5; Mr K Finch was able to report that the issue of the 6 month timescale had been raised with CCBC Cabinet and they have confirmed that the Forum is to exist until the completion of the terms of reference.

**IT WAS AGREED** to accept the minutes of the Forum meeting held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015.

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

Mr John Farrell (Restore Our Beach) raised concern about the funding of the feasibility study following the Public consultation. They informed the meeting that ROB are concerned that CCBC have not committed to providing the funding for the feasibility study.

Mr Ken Finch was able to state that CCBC has discussed this at the last cabinet Meeting and have agreed that funding for the Feasibility Study would be contributed to largely in the main by CCBC subject to the value of the feasibility study being determined and a business case being made. This would not be determined until after the Consultation period has completed.

ROB outlined the Public mistrust that CCBC not making a formal statement regarding support is generating and highlighted that LTC have already committed funds. Cllr Dave Cowens stated the position of CCBC cabinet stating that there is no commitment to fund a feasibility study and no resolution in place that commits CCBC to funding a feasibility study. A discussion at Cabinet regarding funds would only be made once Mr G Edwards compiled a report to Cabinet after the Consultation.

Mr G Edwards also mentioned the opportunity to seek grant funding to support the feasibility study that would only be available once we have determined what the cost would be. He also stated that he has scheduled to present the report to CCBC Cabinet meeting on 12/05/2015.

The process following the Public Consultation will be for the forum to agree what options are put in to the Consultants brief which then determines the value of funding needed

## **5 PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Ms Rachel Roberts and Mr Dyfed Rowlands presented the drawings and plans that will be used in the Public Consultation. The forum wished to record formal thanks to both for producing these top quality items.

Ms Rachel Roberts and Mr Dyfed Rowlands will setup the exhibition display on Friday 19/02/2015. Mostyn Estates advised that access should be arranged through Mark Groom in Mostyn Estates Office.

The available times for viewing by the Public were proposed as:

Saturday & Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February - 10am to 4pm

Monday – Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February 10am – 3pm and 5pm -7pm

These were proposed and seconded.

**IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that these would be the opening hours.

CCBC will arrange translation of the poster and Ms Rachel Roberts will provide artwork of the Public Poster to all member groups so they can promote it with they're members.

Cllr Greg Robbins will draft a rota and place on the Forum website for members to schedule themselves to support the opening hours. Members are to complete this task by Monday 16th February 2015.

**IT WAS AGREED** by all members that the artwork, plans and feedback forms would not be placed on the forum website or CCBC website until the 28th February 2015. The return email address would be the Coastal forum website for forms to be returned to.

Llandudno Hospitality Association offered the use of their Post office box for replies to be posted to. This is P.O. Box 14, Llandudno, Conwy, LL30 2AQ. **THIS WAS AGREED.**

It was stated that for transparency, it is critical that any member manning the Consultation does NOT give any personal opinion about the options being displayed. **THIS WAS AGREED.**

It was raised whether equal weighting would be given to responses to the consultation received from non-residents. The Chairman made it clear that all input must be given consideration.

**IT WAS AGREED** that the Consultation would be stated as Phase 1 as we are currently only ready to provide options for North shore. During the period between Consultation and Report it was agreed that phase 2, West Shore, would be discussed at the Forum and options for consultation to the public generated and then another period of Consultation will take place. Members are conscious of the short time frame available for this and so input regarding West shore solutions would form part of the Phase 1 feedback form.

CLr Dave Cowans stated that CCBC are already in detailed conversations with interested groups regarding solutions for West Shore and to include it in the forum work would only muddy the waters. CLr G Robbins reminded CLr Cowans that the terms of reference for the Forum dictate that this forum is the place for solutions to the West shore being formulated and that it was agreed in the second forum meeting that options for North shore would be developed first and then West shore.

CLr Cowans agreed that it would not be as lengthy a process to produce options for West Shore as the groundwork has been done by the Forum to date.

Mr Rachel Roberts informed the meeting that she would not be able to produce a drawing of the West shore current position by 20/02/2015.

**IT WAS AGREED** that the Forum go to Public Consultation as Phase 1 North shore with the drawings shown at the meeting and remove drawings for West Shore from the display. Public will be asked for input on Phase 2 West Shore on the feedback form to help guide the next steps for the Forum. All attendees agreed to this process and so no vote was taken due to no opposition to this plan.

## **6 INTERIM ACCESS TO NORTH SHORE BEACH**

Mr Geraint Rowlands reported back to the forum regarding the installation of temporary means of access to the low tide level of the North shore for the Summer season. After considering the legal constraints of providing safe access and the environmental difficulties resulting from clearing a small section of stone would cause, it has been determined that the costs for such temporary accessibility would be substantial and prohibitive and would cause issues with the Disability Act compliance.

Mostyn Estates asked if a small area of the stone bank could be covered in smaller grade shingle to make it easier to ascend and descend. Mr Rowlands stated that the re-profiling work that will take place shortly will utilise the smaller grade stone on the beach to place it on the top and create an easier access to the low tide level. This is planned for April.

Due to the desire from forum members to have a more detailed discussion regarding this agenda item it was proposed that it be carried forward to the next meeting. **THIS WAS AGREED.**

## **7 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman expressed his concern and disappointment that correspondence relating to the Forum work is being sent to a selected list of members and not the whole forum by some members. This is not in the interests of the forum achieving its objectives. Recent correspondence from Ships Timbers to Mr Geraint Edwards have now been circulated to members of the forum and a copy of these emails is attached with these minutes for those members that did not receive a copy of the emails.

The Chairman stated that the opportunity for attendance at Forum meetings and therefore to participate in the Forum work has been provided to all the agreed and elected groups on the Forum including Ships Timbers. All inputs are given equal consideration in the forum and all member groups have been given equal consideration. If a member group does not attend the forum meetings it is not able to put forward the interests of that group and therefore these will not receive consideration. All in attendance agreed.

## 8 TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

**MEETING ENDED at 8:10pm**