



LLANDUDNO  
COASTAL  
FORUM

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## Minutes of Llandudno Coastal Forum Meeting

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### 1 THOSE PRESENT

Mr Roy Haley – Chairman  
Cllr Frank Bradfield - Conwy County Borough Council  
Mr Peter Byron – Friends of West Shore  
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  
Mr Mike Shields – Restore Our Beach - Substitute  
Mr Gerry Sweeny – Friends of West Shore  
Mr Nigel Treacy - Destination Conwy  
Ms Debbie Wareham - Ships' Timbers Ltd

### APOLOGIES

Mrs Eileen Burrows - Llandudno Chamber of Trade  
Cllr Dave Cowans - Environment, Roads & Facilities, CCBC  
Mr Paul Moreton – RNLI  
Ms Alison Shields - Restore Our Beach

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received

### 3 MINUTES

No changes were brought forward for the previous minutes, therefore **IT WAS AGREED** to accept the minutes of the Forum meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March February 2015.

Mr John Farrell (RoB) updated the Forum on the North Shore Risk Assessment request made by Mr Ian Turner to CCBC. Mr Turner has still not received the document. Mr Geraint Edwards (ERF, CCBC) clarifies that the Local Authority Risk Assessment for the original works on the north shore from twenty years ago has been provided. The Designers Risk Assessment is a separate document which CCBC does not hold. Mr John Farrell (RoB) confirms that the matter is therefore still ongoing between Mr Ian Turner, and the Local Authority.

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

No items raised

#### 5 FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Handouts were provided to Forum Members of Collated feedback from the Public Consultation. Handout One consists of five bar charts representing data obtained from the feedback forms. Handout Two consists of additional comments. Mr Geraint Edwards (ERF, CCBC) summarised the findings. There were 901 responses in total, with 862 feedback forms completed during the exhibition, and 15 submitted via the website. All comments received have been included and provide a wealth of information, and opportunity, for further discussion. The documents will be circulated in a PDF format.

Forum members provided comments on the Consultation findings:

Mr John Farrell (RoB) points out that all original documents and letters relating to the Public Consultation will be given to the Llandudno Archives. Mr Nigel Treacy (DC) points out that there is a very strong preference for the development of toilet facilities. Mr John Farrell (RoB) thanks Mr Geraint Edwards (ERF, CCBC) and Mr Berin Jones (LHA) for all their hard work during the collation of these results from the consultation. The results show the thoughts and feeling of the Public about the existing shingle beach management. The consultation results reinforce the feelings generated from the Public Meeting (May 2014) and the need to have a change (John Farrell, RoB). Mr Roy Haley, Forum Chairman, also thanks the Local Authority and then asks, what is the next step?

Mr Geraint Edwards (ERF, CCBC) is preparing a report on the Llandudno North Shore which will include the results from the Public Consultation. Mr Ken Finch (CCBC) explained that the report will go to Scrutiny and to Cabinet who are expecting a Report about the North Shore from the Forum which includes the analysis from the Public Consultation, with a view to recommending that a feasibility study is formally requested. Cllr Greg Robbins (LLTC) asks for the report to be sent to Forum Members for comment before going to Cabinet. Mr Ken Finch agrees to this, post translation, adding that minor adjustments can be made if necessary. Mr Geraint Edwards (ERF, CCBC) confirms that the Report will be sent electronically to Forum Members. Mr Ken Finch (CCBC) then goes on to clarify the process, that after the Feasibility Study is complete the preferred option recommended from the Feasibility Study will then be considered for approval by Cabinet. Grant Funding from Welsh Government will then need to be applied for in order to implement recommendations.

Mr Gerry Sweeny (FoWSh), asks if Llandudno West Shore will be included in the Report? Mr Geraint Edwards (ERF, CCBC) explains that the Report will not be including Llandudno West Shore, or the position of the Forum on that. Cllr Greg Robbins (LLTC) asks if the report can include the Forum's extended ideas, and recommend that Llandudno West Shore is included at a later date? Mr Berin Jones (LHA) comments that his understanding is that Llandudno West Shore is to be included in the Report. Mr John Farrell (RoB) comments that his understanding is also that Llandudno West Shore is to be included in the Report. Ms Debbie Wareham (ST) comments that she also thought the Forum would be including Llandudno West Shore, however perhaps the Forum could have a break over the summer months. Mr Ken Finch (CCBC) suggests that the report can recommend the continuation of the Forum for discussion of Llandudno West Shore. Cllr Greg Robbins (LLTC) suggests that once the Report is complete Members can decide if they would like to continue on the Forum as some current members may not have a business interest, or be engaged in activities based at Llandudno West Shore, although other Members may be engaged in activities related to both.

Cllr Greg Robbins (LLTC) asks for clarification of the date the Report is going to Scrutiny, and can we achieve that date? Mr Geraint Edwards (ERF, CCBC) clarifies that the date of the Scrutiny Committee is 4th June, 2015, and the Cabinet Meeting is 9th June, 2015.

Forum Chair, Mr Roy Haley asks if we should have a public statement to let people know that the information from the Public Consultation has been collated, and that the Report will be going to Scrutiny and Cabinet for consideration?

Cllr Frank Bradfield (CCBC) comments that it is essential that we deal with Llandudno North Shore. A recent group of people visiting Llandudno from Liverpool were delighted to learn that Llandudno had a Coastal Forum. Cllr Greg Robbins

(LLTC) asks if Forum Members could have a copy of the Public Consultation Data as an Excel Spreadsheet to develop some pie charts as they would be easier to interpret than the bar charts? Mr John Farrell (RoB) asks if Forum Members could have the Report to publicise on the Forum Website. Mr Geraint Edwards (ERF, CCBC) agrees to provide the final Report for inclusion on the LCF website; the information belongs to the LCF.

Mr John Farrell (RoB) asks for time scales to formally seek a feasibility study from a Consultant if there is agreement from Scrutiny and Cabinet to move the process forward after the Meetings in June? Mr Geraint Edwards (ERF, CCBC) confirms that a feasibility study would be requested by the end of the year, within six months. Mr Berin Jones (LHA) comments that such a time scale would be sufficient to prepare, and include discussions, and proposals for Llandudno West Shore.

Mr Ken Finch (CCBC) enquires about the Forum's preference for Right of Address at the Scrutiny Committee Meeting. Forum Chair, Roy Haley asks Forum Members for a Volunteer from the Forum to attend the Scrutiny Meeting in June. Mr Greg Robbins (LLTC) offers to speak on behalf of the Forum. **THIS IS AGREED BY THE FORUM.**

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

Mr Geraint Edwards (ERF, CCBC) explained that no modifications were granted to amend the current license related to the north shore sea defences. Hence, the access paths to the lower foreshore could only be partly implemented. Removal of shingle material from the upper foreshore and replacement with imported sand has therefore only been possible from above Mean High Water. The situation will be monitored over the summer months.

## **7 PRESENTATION FROM MR DYFED ROWLANDS (ERF, CCBC) – HISTORY OF THE WEST SHORE**

Mr Dyfed Rowlands (ERF, CCBC) gives a presentation on the History of the West Shore. The notes here are from the presentation written by Mr Dyfed Rowlands (ERF, CCBC), as follows:

### **Coastal defence works:**

- 1905 – First coastal defences. From later reports this seems to consist of just a vertical sea wall and a few widely spaced access steps
- 1936 – Major remedial works required
- 1940 – Proposals for sea defence scheme
- 1950-52 – Sea defence scheme put in place – Existing stepped revetment and 6 timber groynes.
- Coast Protection reports 1977, 1983, 1984, 1987 (Aberconwy Coastal Study) all highlighting that without continuing large scale maintenance the revetment would soon require total replacement. Repeated guniting works required in this period and one storm caused collapse of the south end of the revetment.
- 1990-91 – Coastal defence scheme – Breakwaters and nourishment imported
- 1996 – Reduced Lloyd Street Breakwater to slow sand build up and imported shingle to reduce major wind-blown sand issues in early years of scheme
- 2015 – Re-nourishment near car park after flooding of the café in December 2013

### **Beach monitoring / management:**

- Twice yearly surveys in the Spring and Autumn (current extents all the way from Great Orme to Deganwy station).
- With the control structures beach levels are generally quite stable and prior to the recent emergency works no beach management had been necessary (other than wind-blown sand removal).
- Wind-blown sand was a major issue immediately after the 1990-91 scheme, but was reduced by the remedial works. Sand does build up by the breakwaters and causes wind-blown sand issues but where the greatest build up occurs dunes have formed which stabilise the problem.
- It is interesting to note, however, that wind-blown sand is identified even in early reports when beach levels were very low. A Consultant's report identifies that the issue is unlikely to be completely resolved but there may be some mitigation (including allowing the dunes to increase which is in line with long term SMP policy)

## **Conwy Tidal Flood Risk Assessment**

- Present day high risk (1 in 10 to 1 in 100 chance per year) is found from two main locations at West Shore:
- Southern end of West Shore Promenade – car park area hence the need to replenish shingle levels recently
- South of the southern breakwater – through the golf course / along the route of the railway (Does not extend to many properties under present day conditions)
- At the north end by the Great Orme there is also a local high risk, but this does not seem to have so much of a flood route to affect properties.

Because there is currently a high risk of flooding from the Llandudno West Shore at two locations, and in the future with stormier seas happening more frequently further to climate change effects, this risk is further increased, hence it is necessary to look at the overall situation on Llandudno West Shore with a view to developing something similar to that in Colwyn Bay.

The Forum thanks Mr Dyfed Rowlands (ERF, CCBC) for his presentation.

## **8 PRESENTATION FROM MR NIGEL TREACY (DESTINATION CONWY) – IDEAS FOR WEST SHORE**

Members were given copies of Destination Conwy Management Plan 2015 – 2018. Mr Nigel Treacy (DC) summarises the structure and work of Destination Conwy. With regular meetings throughout the year, The Destination Conwy Steering Group and Programme Board enable CCBC to engage with Industry. Destination Conwy has a number of strategic priorities in Conwy and provide support for local groups who reflect those strategic objectives. There are opportunities to develop ideas surrounding Llandudno West Shore. Contact either Mr Nigel Treacy or Cllr Graham Rees. The Forum thanks Mr Nigel Treacy (DC) for his presentation.

## **9 LLANDUDNO WEST SHORE**

There was a general discussion about Llandudno West Shore and Members conclude that an extended series of meetings by the Forum is necessary to consider the needs and ideas, and canvass opinions for Llandudno West Shore. Given that Forum Members are now better informed of the process involved the process need not be as long.

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

None.

## **11 CORRESPONDENCE**

Forum Chair, Mr Roy Haley, read out a letter received from the Llandudno Civic Council dated 27th March, 2015 which summarises their opinions for Llandudno North Shore. The Forum notes the Comments given in the letter. A letter of thanks will be sent from the Forum to the Llandudno Civic Council.

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

**IT WAS AGREED** that the next meeting of the Llandudno Coastal Forum will be on **WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 6pm** in The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Llandudno.

**MEETING ENDED at 8:00pm**