



# Minutes of Llandudno Coastal Forum Meeting Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 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 Mr Nigel Treacy - Destination Conwy Ms Debbie Wareham - Ships' Timbers Ltd

## **APOLOGIES**

Mr Paul Moreton - RNLI

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were received

# **3 MINUTES**

No changes were brought forward for the previous minutes. **IT WAS AGREED** to accept the minutes of the Forum meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>nd</sup> February 2015.

## **<u>4</u> URGENT ITEMS RELATING TO THE LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM**

No items raised

# 5 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A. Public Consultation Exhibition.

The forum considered the exhibition was an excellent success. 1127 people signed in with over 862 written replies. The Forum was informed by Mr Ken Finch, that to receive this number of responses was very good, as only several hundred had been received when a similar exercise had been carried out at Colwyn Bay.

A vote of thanks was passed for the superb graphic provided by Rachel Roberts, Alison Shield for co-ordinating the manning of the exhibition and for the work carried out by Dyfed and the Conwy CBC staff involved.

## B. On-line exhibition

Over 2000 visitors to the site but a low number of returns on line. It was suggested that the low number of replies was probably due to lack of an online explanation being available.

# C. Responses

862 forms were completed at the exhibition plus the forms sent in by post after the exhibition bring it to a total of over 900 written replies. Mr Finch stated this was an excellent response to the exhibition compared with previous public consultations carried out by CCBC.

The results are being analysed and the collated results will be available at the next meeting.

The forum was informed that due to the time spent on consultation and collating information the reports to scrutiny and cabinet would move over by one cycle of a month. New dates would be available on Monday 30th when new forward work plan completed. And the recommendations will be submitted to the May CBCC Council meeting.

To negate negative publicity in social media a press release will be issued stating the positive response and the results are now being collated. The press release was also includes a request for ideas for West Shore.

# 6 INTERIM ACCESS TO NORTH SHORE BEACH

Mr Geraint Edwards explained that the profiling of the beach between the two piers had been completed. The interim 3 strips of sand had been installed to gain access to the beach had been installed but could go no further than they have because of the limitation of Conwy CBC marine licence. Sand from West Shore was used to carry out the walk ways. CCBC is to monitor situation as data gathered would provide useful information for the future.

A request has been made to extend the licence to increase the length of the walk way but there is only two weeks left to complete the works while the machinery is on site.

Restore our Beach representatives commented that there was considerable "mocking" of the scheme on social media due to a lack of information being available to the public. Ms Rachel Roberts suggested that CCBC could inform the public if they made use of public notice boards available at the North Shore, as many comments had been posted on social media regarding the lack of information available when work had recently been carried out the West Shore.

Mr Ken Finch informed members that a press release regarding the current work had been given to the Weekly News and Pioneer, Mr John Farrell agreed to place the public information on social media.

Prior to the next item Cllr Frank Bradfield left the meeting to attend another meeting

## 7 Phase 2 West Shore

Lengthy discussion on how forum should proceed with issue of West Shore during which numerous suggestions mad including the cycle path and sand in the model boating lake. It was suggested that the items to be discussed should also include Tourism, Leisure Facilities, and more holistic approach be taken regarding the West Shore.

Mr Hiller stated he considered the Forum was missing the point regarding West Shore and was getting too involved in detail of the short term problems and should take a more expansive view of the problem. West Shore is different to North Shore as there are a lot of domestic properties and less hotels and perhaps different people should be invited to

represent the issue so f West Shore. It was agreed that a new member to the Forum would be invited to represent West shore.

Mr Gerry Sweeny also suggested that it might be beneficial to increase the membership of the Forum now the West Shore was being looked at so as to include more groups etc. associated with the area.

**IT WAS AGREED** to invite another representative from the Friends of West Shore group to join the Forum.

**THE FORUM AGREED** to explore ideas for the West Shore in more detail at next meeting, in the same way as had been done for North Shore due to the untapped potential of the West Shore.

**IT WAS AGREED** that CCBC were to provide large scale drawings of West Shore for next meeting similar to those provided for North Shore.

**IT WAS AGREED** that Mr Nigel Treacey was to give presentation at next meeting on the Ideas and plans Destination Conwy have for the West Shore/ provide Forum with general overview of ideas

**IT WAS AGREED** that an action plan regarding ideas for West Shore to be formulated at next meeting therefore ensuring ideas by different organisations were not being duplicated, prior to request for suggestions being placed on social media

**IT WAS AGREED** that Mr Geraint Edwards would provide the forum at the next meeting a history of the events on West Shore similar to he provided to the Forum on North Shore.

#### 8 CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Ian Turner has requested from ROB details of the Risk Assessment to carry out the works. Geraint Edward was confident Conwy CBC Risk assessment had been sent to Mr Turner but he would check when he returned to his office and if not ensure the Risk assessment was sent.

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

IT WAS AGREED that the next meeting of the Llandudno Coastal Forum will be on THURSDAY 9 April 2015 at 6pm in The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Llandudno.

The Chair tendered his apologise as he would not be available for this meeting as he will be away on holiday

MEETING ENDED at 8:00pm