



LLANDUDNO
COASTAL
FORUM

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MINUTES

Wednesday 24th January, 2018

THOSE PRESENT

Mr Nigel Treacy – Destination Conwy (LCF Chairman)	(NT)
Cllr Greg Robbins - Llandudno Town Council (LCF Vice Chairman)	(GR)
Cllr Louise Emery – Cabinet member for Tourism and Economy	(LE)
John Merrick - Business and Tourism Development Manager	(JM)
Mrs Eileen Burrows - Llandudno Chamber of Trade	(EB)
Cllr Frank Bradfield – CCBC	(FB)
Mr Mike Shields - Restore Our Beach	(MS)
Cllr Francis Davies – Llandudno Town Council	(FD)
Cllr Donald Milne – CCBC Highways, Environmental and Sustainability	(DM)
Mr Dyfed Rowlands - CCBC Environmental, Roads and Facilities	(DR)
Mr Edward Hiller – Mostyn Estates Ltd	(EH)
Mr Owen Conry - CCBC Environmental, Roads and Facilities	(OC)
Mr Berin Jones - Llandudno Hospitality Association	(BJ)

1. APOLOGIES

Ms Alison Shields – Restore Our Beach	(AS)
Mr Geraint Edwards – CCBC Environmental, Roads and Facilities	(GE)
Ms Debbie Wareham – Ships' Timbers (LCF Secretary)	(DW)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 To receive and accept the minutes of Thursday 16th November, 2017
Forum awaiting completion of minutes from Secretary. Agreed to receive and accept at next meeting.

4. URGENT ITEMS

None received

5. WELSH GOVERNMENT FUNDING APPROACH / OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

OC briefed the forum on progress as follows:

Welsh Government (WG) Funding / Outline Business Case(OBC)

- CCBC have applied for and have been granted funding for the OBC by the WG
- CCBC have placed a tender for a suitably qualified Consultant – Tender will be marked on the basis of Quality and Price
- Aecom have carried out the Beach Management Plan but CCBC Contract Procedure Rules require an open tender for all significant contracts
- Tender returns are due on Thursday 25th January with tender analysis/appraisal to follow on in the coming weeks
- Consultant will be in place for the next meeting and will have been provided feedback from drop in event.
- OC explained the tender process to the LCF

It is recognised by members that CCBC have been progressive in seeking funding and thanked CDR for feedback.

6. BMP – PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

Forum discussed the feedback on the CCBC/AECOM/LCF Llandudno Beach Management Plan Public Consultation ‘Drop in’ event of 24th and 25th November 2017

DR commented that it had been a very successful event with excellent feedback from local people and visitors from outside the immediate area (526 visitors).

DR provided members with overall results referencing the options and agreed to provide forum with copy of comments from the event.

Whilst there is no specific benchmark it was noteworthy that numbers were greater than the public consultation carried out for the comparative project at Colwyn Bay.

DR and LCF members gave particular thanks to Mostyn Estates for provision of facility. NT and forum also thanked all those involved.

Members commented they were disappointed at continuing inaccuracy of reporting by local newspapers.

7. CONWY CDS / LCF – ADDITIONAL AMENITY DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING

JM and DR updated forum on progression of the Tourism Trajectory / visionary work including outline/costs/timescales and process for work.

JM a tender document for visionary work around Llandudno has been drafted. JM will send the final document out to members of LCF.

JM advised that the study is expected to cost in region of £25K-£25K.

There was further discussion regarding costs of studies.

LE advised that whilst 'studies' are regularly criticised by public they were essential to progress the projects that ultimately benefit the public.

JM minded the forum to consider the opportunity for 'Winter proofing' options as this has been identified as a subject of importance in future tourism.

BR suggested that the successful consultant should be left a broad remit and identifies significance of Winter Tourism within their document.

LCF in agreement

JM suggested scope for study to be 15-25 years.

EH suggested increasing the scope to view longer period which would challenge the consultant and benefit long term strategy.

JM agreed but advised that longer term data tends to be less reliable.

BR queried "Steering Group" quoted to assist/review study.

JM advised this will be a smaller group of key representatives but that LCF would be a part of this process.

Following information provided by OC:

- OC explained that the BMP was 100% funded by the Welsh Government through its CRMP Programme
- OBC will also be 100% funded
- When project goes to detailed design and construction – funding from WG is 75% with the remaining 25% coming from CCBC and third parties.

8. NORTH SHORE / WEST SHORE INTERIM WORK

North Shore

NT mindful of last year's issues with 'Kiddies corner' should forum look at this issue early.

Members identify Easter and later 'Armed Forces Day' as key events and that it is of great importance the beach is presented appropriately.

Members advised that it could cost est. £10K as figure recalled from previous year.

OC advised that CCBC does not have funding to meet this work.

FD advised that LTC has invited to a member of CCBC (OC) to attend their meeting to discuss funding. OC accepted the invitation.

LE has advised that she will see what can be done to assist in finding funds from CCBC.

West Shore

FD commented that several members concerned that cycle path has become impassable. Issues identified as follows;

1. Build up of sand towards Deganwy.
2. Extensive erosion of path from Beach Cafe following recent storms

Several members commented on reparation works and accept that continued reparation of route appears to be futile and wasting public money as frequent storms are undoing this work.

LE and FD also commented that the golf club members had concerns that every time the route is cleared the displaced sand is blowing onto the course.

Discussion followed regarding CCBC's responsibilities for clearing the route in accordance with Sustrans requirement. This is clearly a challenging issue as CCBC clearly do not have financial means to achieve this requirement at present.

NT suggested that whilst LCF continues to keep updated on 'interim' works on both shores as it is foreseeable that short term issues may affect the main body of longer term developments within LCF remit.

FD advised LCF that the Golf Club would be happy to accommodate any future LCF meetings if required. LCF asked FD to pass on their thanks for their generous offer.

DM has also received complaints regarding wheelchair access on other side of wall.

It is anticipated that CCBC will resolve the clearing of stones in this area.

OC commented that CCBC continue to work together with Sustrans on the long term development of West Shore in accordance with Coastal Risk Management.

8. TO DISCUSS OR NOTE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED

Email from John Roberts asking how much consultations are costing, estimated costs of projects and where the funding comes from.

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LE: Where appropriate costs are available through a FOI application.

9. MATTERS ARISING RELEVANT TO THE LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM

None

10. TO NOTE THE TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 6th March 2018. 6pm – 8pm.