



LLANDUDNO  
COASTAL  
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## MINUTES

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

### 1. THOSE PRESENT

Cllr Francis Davies - Llandudno Town Council  
Mr Mike Dean – Secretary (Llandudno Hospitality Association)  
Cllr Louise Emery – Conwy County Borough Council  
Mr Edward Hiller - Mostyn Estates Ltd  
Cllr Donald Milne – Conwy County Borough Council  
Cllr Greg JT Robbins - Llandudno Town Council (**LCF Vice Chair**)  
Mr Dyfed Rowlands – CCBC (ERF)  
Ms Alison Shields – Restore Our Beach  
Mr Nigel Treacy – Destination Conwy (**LCF Chairman**)  
Ms Debbie Wareham - Ships' Timbers (**LCF Secretary**)

### APOLOGIES

Cllr Frank Bradfield - Conwy County Borough Council  
Mrs Eileen Burrows - Llandudno Chamber of Trade  
Mr Owen Conry - CCBC (ERF)  
Mr Geraint Edwards – CCBC (ERF)  
Mr Berin Jones - Llandudno Hospitality Association  
Mr Jon Merrick – Conwy County Borough Council - CDS  
Mr Mike Shields - Restore Our Beach  
Mr Adam Williams – Llandudno Pier

Cllr Francis Davies suggested that as he is a member of the Llandudno Chamber of Trade it may be possible for him to represent the group at Forum Meetings. It was pointed out that there may be a conflict of interest with Cllr Davies opinions as a Town Councillor when the Forum needed to vote on matters. Cllr Francis agreed to seek advice on representation from the Llandudno Chamber of Trade and report back to the Forum at the next meeting.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

## **3. MINUTES**

3.1 To receive and accept the Minutes of the Llandudno Coastal Forum meeting held on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**. Proposed by Cllr Greg Robbins, Seconded by Cllr Francis Davies

3.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes of, **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**. None

3.3 To receive and accept the Minutes of the Llandudno Coastal Forum meeting held on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**. Proposed by Cllr Francis Davies, Seconded by Cllr Greg Robbins.

3.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes of, **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**. None

3.5 To receive and accept **Item 7**, an omission, to the Minutes of the Llandudno Coastal Forum meeting held on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**. Proposed by Cllr Francis Davies, Seconded by Cllr Greg Robbins.

3.6 Matters Arising from accepting **Item 7**, an omission to the Minutes of, **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**.  
None

## **4. URGENT ITEM**

None received at the time of publication.

## **5. LLANDUDNO BMP / OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE (OBC)**

5.1 Update from CCBC on the appointment of a Consultant for the purpose of developing the Outline Business Case, the next stage of the Llandudno Beach Management Plan (2017) work. (Mr Geraint Edwards, Mr Dyfed Rowlands, Mr Owen Conry - CCBC ERF).

Mr Dyfed Rowlands confirmed that a consultant has been appointed to carry out the Outline Business Case moving forward from the BMP 2017. AECOM were appointed on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 following competition from the tendering process. A meeting was held between CCBC and AECOM on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. It has been agreed with AECOM that they will attend three meetings with the Forum and they will help us arrange and organise two public drop-in events to explain the Outline Business Case once it has been developed by themselves. The OBC will identify and cost the preferred options that we have developed as a Forum in accordance with the Welsh Government Coastal Risk Management Program and the guidelines that are provided by Welsh Government. We now want to agree with the Forum for Aecom to attend a Forum meeting for Aecom to present to the Forum the work they are currently working on and to seek the Forum's views comments and observations before they go into too much detail in what they are doing. The completion date is around November 2018, to produce and complete this piece of work. So I would like to propose that Aecom attend the next Forum meeting, or the one after that, to present their plan of approach and for the Forum to agree it. Aecom has also been asked to

help us develop a communication plan as the work they are doing now is going to be the crux of the matter when we come to the public consultation stage and these will be detailed options that will work and be costed so we will need to have good input from everybody on these to enable these schemes to go forward, whatever they may be at the end of the piece of work. Aecom has been asked to develop this and a timeline and to share that with the Forum so we can all comment and agree it.

Cllr Louise Emery (CCBC) asked if options are now going to be costed?

Mr Dyfed Rowlands clarified that Aecom will now carry out a cost benefit analysis on each of the preferred options from the BMP. Due to all the properties in Llandudno it is likely that there will be a scheme that will be justifiable to protect and enhance Llandudno. The challenge will be securing the funding for this to happen in the future. This step is the analysis stage that Welsh Government require in order to review and vet the scheme. CCBC are confident about feedback from Welsh Government about this from conversations already taken place.

Ms Debbie Wareham (Ships' Timbers / LCF Secretary) asked when Aecom has finished this piece of work at what point do you decide what option is being selected?

Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC – ERF) clarified that Aecom will cost up all the options that have been developed and they will look at what is feasible. That information will be shared with the Forum and once we are all happy with where we are going, with this and the costings, we will then as a Forum ask Aecom if they can develop these into plans so we can share with the Public. Then the Public will have an opportunity to review the feasible options, despite different costs, as part of the consultation stage, and feed that back to Welsh Government. We will together guide Aecom with our vision, but they will need to do this detailed piece of work first to develop more detailed options as to how things are going to look – size, location. At the moment our ideas are only concepts. These need to be more detailed for what we would like to see considering feasibility and cost effectiveness.

Ms Debbie Wareham (Ships' Timbers / ) asked at what point does the modelling of the options come in? Although it is very prescriptive in terms of what options can go onto the beach, it is going to be decided on a cost / benefit analysis what will be narrowed down to the one option, and the physical modelling of that will be done at a later stage. But when the physical modelling does that look at how mechanically realistic that is? Because it is a bit confusing to do a cost / benefit analysis for something that mechanically may not work?

Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC – ERF) clarified that Aecom will come up with options first with what they think is feasible, but before they go into the detailed design, which is the next step after the OBC stage, they will tell the Forum what they need to do to reassure us what will work. Physical modelling is likely.

Mr Edward Hiller (Mostyn Estates) asked if there are a series of options that have different prices, you could hit a point where there is a limit set to the funding available so the option just below that funding limit will only be considered, to the exclusion of something which would be a much better option but only marginally just above. So how do you get to that next point just on pricing?

Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC –ERF) clarified that Welsh Government has a program of £150 million available for a five year period (which is likely to be ongoing) for Wales which does not set a limit for the cost of the scheme we can submit. It is what is best for Llandudno. It also depends where the funding is coming from as currently we have to match fund 15% **[Update: This should say 25%. Please note grant funding rate offered from Welsh Government as part of their Coastal Risk Management Programme (CRMP) will be a maximum of 75% which has been agreed by Ministers and the WLGA. Amended further to LCF Meeting of 19.07.2018. Also see LCF Minutes of 12.10.2017; LCF Minutes of 24.01.2018]** towards whatever is implemented. CCBC or other stakeholders will need to support the development.

Cllr Louise Emery (CCBC ) commented, at that stage it will be a lot of political lobbying on reducing that 15% **[Update: This should say 25%. Please note grant funding rate offered from Welsh Government as part of their Coastal Risk Management Programme (CRMP) will be a maximum of 75% which has been agreed by Ministers and the WLGA. Amended further to LCF Meeting of 19.07.2018. Also see LCF Minutes of 12.10.2017; LCF Minutes of 24.01.2018]** as no Council in Wales can afford that, and whoever is in charge politically at that time will need to drive that really.

Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC – ERF) commented that Llandudno / Conwy is on the Natural Resources Wales Communities at Risk in Wales Register, Llandudno is in the top five at risk area.

Cllr Francis Davies asked about the meeting with Aecom.

Mr Dyfed Rowlands commented that we could meet in the next four weeks, it depends when Aecom is ready to present something with us.

## **6. LCF / CCBC PUBLIC CONSULTATION FEEDBACK SUMMARY DOCUMENTS – BMP November 2017; WEST SHORE July 2016; NORTH SHORE February 2015.**

6.1 Request to CCBC for PDF copies of CCBC / LCF Public Consultation Feedback Documents from Nov 2017; July 2016; February 2015. To upload onto LCF Website (Ms Debbie Wareham – LCF Secretary).

Ms Debbie Wareham (Ships’ Timbers / Forum Secretary) asked if the Forum could have PDF copies of the feedback of the three consultation events to put on the LCF website?

Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC – ERF) agreed to have those documents sent across.

## **7. PENRHYN BAY BEACH FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

7.1 To provide Llandudno Coastal Forum Members with an update on the Penrhyn Bay Feasibility Study and Public Consultation (CCBC – ERF).

Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC – ERF) confirmed that CCBC has a number of schemes in Conwy that they are trying to move forward to implement coastal improvement works and Penrhyn Bay is one of them. There is a lot of over topping and flooding of the highway there, so CCBC has put a grant in to do a scheme there. As Penrhyn Bay is in the remit of Llandudno Town Council, an event was organised on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018, to share ideas with the Public. It was well attended by over 70 people. The Consultants Arup attended and explained their proposed solution for maintaining and improving the coastal defences there. A beach recharge scheme or a promontory between the two break waters in Penrhyn Bay to reduce flooding along there. Most people were supportive of a promontory. The next stage is the detailed design stage which will be completed at the end of this financial year. The details are on the CCBC website.

Cllr Louise Emery (CCBC) expressed her concern that because the Penrhyn Bay project is on the same path as the Llandudno work and with the OBC, we will want to do all the projects, so the price will escalate. When did Penrhyn Bay come into this?

Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC – ERF) explained that CCBC is working on a number of projects including Penrhyn Bay, Kinmel Bay, Llanfairfechan, and Llanddulas. This work was happening anyway and not as a result of the protests about Llandudno's north shore Beach. The projects will be ranked according to priority.

Cllr Francis Davies (LLTC) raised the question of funding for the Penrhyn Bay project, asking if it was coming from Llandudno's budget? Cllr Davies also raised the concern that no-one had been informed about the project at Penrhyn Bay at all.

Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC – ERF) confirmed that 100% of funding has come from Welsh Government for the Penrhyn Bay work so far, and that it would only be at the Construction stage that Welsh Government will only fund 85% of the costs. That said no Council in Wales can afford to match fund 15% so a decision will perhaps need to be made to address this by Welsh Government to alter their approach to funding.

General concern was expressed by Forum Members that neither the Llandudno Town Council or County Councillors had been informed that work on the Penrhyn Bay project was underway.

Cllr Donald Milne (CCBC – ERF) Commented that a set of procedures are in place to ensure that the best schemes are ready to go forward. Consultation is necessary for people to know what the options are. As far as competitive concerns between each project in Conwy are concerned, we need to consider each project and push each one forward.

Ms Debbie Wareham (Ships' Timbers / LCF Secretary) asked about timescales for the Penrhyn Bay project.

Mr Dyfed Rowlands confirmed that a feasibility study has been completed, an OBC has been completed, and the design stage is underway and due to be completed by April 2019. Penrhyn Bay is one stage ahead of Llandudno. Further to planning and other approvals it will then go to Welsh Government for funding for construction stage.

Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC – ERF) commented that the reason the Penrhyn Bay project is ahead of Llandudno is because it is a much smaller and less costly project than Llandudno. There are only two options that are suitable for that location.

Cllr Donald Milne (CCBC – ERF) suggested that the Penrhyn Bay project should be brought to Llandudno Town Council and not Llandudno Coastal Forum for discussion. No documents have been released prior to this stage as it was not necessary. Only because the project is moving forward people have now been consulted.

Ms Alison Shields (RoB) commented that this is Llandudno Coastal Forum and that Penrhyn Bay is a part of Llandudno, so we should be informed.

## **8. CONWY CDS – VISIONARY WORK**

8.1 Update on the progression of the CDS Tourism Trajectory / Visionary work (Mr Jon Merrick – CCBC CDS).

Mr Jon Merrick (CCBC – CDS) sent an email summary for the Forum in his absence at this meeting.

‘£15,000 funding to CCBC is successful on the condition that all other funders confirm their contributions. Confirmation of funding received from Mostyn Estates, and Llandudno Hospitality Association (combined £9,500). Awaiting £10,000 to be confirmed from Welsh Government. Waiting to see if Aecom can carry out the tourism work.’

## **9. LLANDUDNO BEACHES – INTERIM WORKS UPDATE**

### **9.1 Llandudno’s West Shore (CCBC ERF)**

Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC – ERF) explained that further to the clear up of the cycle track the area will be monitored over the summer months. Money to clear the cycle track comes from the ‘Open Spaces’ budget.

Cllr Greg Robbins confirmed this work is now under review. This year the cost was £30,000. CCBC is bound to clear the cycle track since 2008, unless Sustrans could be dissuaded for this work to be done.

Cllr Donald Milne confirmed that ‘Open Spaces’ budget cannot be used for riddling works on the north shore.

### **9.2 Llandudno’s North Shore (CCBC ERF)**

Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC – ERF) commented that CCBC will carry out an inspection of the shingle ridge to see if any re-profiling work is necessary. Riddling works can be carried out at the same time to Children’s Corner. Llandudno Town Council has offered to contribute to these riddling works.

Cllr Greg Robbins has confirmed that if ERF give a presentation to the Town Council funding can be provided for these works.

Mr Dyfed Rowlands confirmed he will contact the Town Clerk to arrange this.

Mr Edward Hiller (Mostyn Estates) pointed out that National Armed Forces Day is being held in Llandudno on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

Members agreed that the north shore beach works needed to be completed before 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

Mr Edward Hiller (Mostyn Estates) asked who owns the property above high water mark on the north shore? Answering that the Council does, therefore, CCBC has a responsibility to maintain it. So why are they looking for full funding from a third party when they have a responsibility to maintain it?

Mr Dyfed Rowlands (CCBC – ERF) confirmed that the budget in ERF is for coastal protection functions of repairing and maintaining the sea defences, such as re-profiling works of the shingle ridge, not riddling work of removing stones from the lower beach which is an amenity action.

## **10. LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM WEBSITE**

10.1 To discuss payment of LCF Website Hosting costs for **2019**.

Llandudno Coastal Forum will approach Llandudno Town Council for funding for the website hosting costs in October 2018.

## **11. NEW DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION**

11.1 To consider the new data protection legislation and the implications for the Llandudno Coastal Forum (LCF Members).

Cllr Louise Emery (CCBC) will send summary of this to Forum Secretary.

## **12. TO DISCUSS OR NOTE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

None

## **13. MATTERS ARISING RELEVANT TO THE LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM**

None

**14. TO NOTE THE TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Provisional Date **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.**

**PLEASE ADVISE ANY APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE**