



LLANDUDNO
COASTAL
FORUM

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Minutes

Tuesday 22nd November 2022 (Coed Pella)

Attendance:

Cllr Frank Bradfield (FB) – CCBC
Mr Owen Conry (OC) – CCBC - ERF
Ms Alison Shields (AS) – Restore Our Beach
Ms Debbie Wareham (DW) – Ships’ Timbers
Mr Edward Hillier (EH) – Mostyn Estates Ltd
Cllr Greg Robbins (GR) – (LCF vice Chair)
Mr Geraint Edwards (GeE) – CCBC -ERF
Mr Nigel Treacy (NT) – Destination Conwy (LCF Chairman)
Cllr Charlie McCoubrey (CMcC) - CCBC
Cllr Don Milne (DM) – Llandudno Town Council
Mr Gerry Sweeney (GS) – Friends of West Shore

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Harry Saville – CCBC/LTC (Res)
Cllr Tom Montgomery – CCBC/LTC
Cllr Goronwy Edwards – CCBC Cabinet Member
Mr. John Merrick - Mostyn Estates Ltd
Mr Berin Jones – LHA
Cllr. Aaron Wynne – CCBC Cabinet Member

2. MEMBER/ATTENDEE UPDATE

- 2.1 NT confirmed attendees and sought clarification from re David Banks and Chamber of Trade/Business Innovation participation – important to have contribution from retail.
- 2.2 CMcC confirmed that the post of Business and Tourism Development Manager had not yet been filled due to financial constraints.
- 2.3 CMcC confirmed that Sarah Ecob would be a good point of contact for funding going forward.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 No declarations of interest

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Llandudno Coastal Forum meeting held on Thursday 30th January, 2020 – OC has written notes from meeting and AS confirmed notes also. No formal set of minutes exist – Note.

4.2 Minutes from 15th August 2022 – OC confirmed minutes covered proposed report of Economy and Place Overview Scrutiny Committee (EPOSC) and cabinet meetings in August /Sept 22. Minute acceptance proposed by DM and seconded by GR.

5. URGENT ITEM

5.1 None received at the time of publication.

6. LCF FACILITY AND MANAGEMENT OF THE FORUM, MEETINGS, MINUTES AND WEBSITE

6.1 NT explained the commitment required – as Chair - for the LCF to function and indicated that assistance is required to do the LCF justice. Secretarial service, and venue is required.

6.2 GeE confirmed venue and secretarial support for the next meeting but encouraged LCF to review management of LCF going forward.

6.3 CMcC explained the funding model used by Abergele TC to fund activities/campaigns and suggested that Llandudno TC could fund/formalise the group – **Llandudno TC members to discuss.**

6.4 Public Communication - NT raised the issue of LCF website. AS stated, that it held a lot of historical information. FB and GR stated that annual payment for webhosting had been made.

6.5 Public Statements – Discussion was held on public statements – individual members can make comments on behalf of their own organisations but consensus needs to be in place for LCF statements.

7. LLANDUDNO COASTAL DEFENCE / OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE (OBC) UPDATE

7.1 NT recalled that “sand” option was the LCF preferred option prior to EPOSC. This was confirmed by EPOSC on 17th August 2022. Cabinet (27th Sept 2022) confirmed that it would make the application for the cobble option.

7.2 CMcC confirmed that Cabinet had given approval to make the application for the cobble option as WG had indicated that alternative option would not be approved – this would not impact on the possibility of the sand option in the future should funding become available. The significant funding shortfall was the challenge.

- 7.3 NT asked if enough work has been done on the monetary value of the amenity aspects of the sand option.
- 7.4 FB and AS reinforced the public opinion in relation to the lack of the sand beach at this tourism location.
- 7.5 EH stated that a study needs to be done to establish the benefit of the sand option in relation to the tourism offering and to build a funding consensus with other partners. GS referred to the increased tourism at Colwyn Bay.
- 7.6 CMcC stated that a study to quantify the benefits of a sand beach would require significant investment. EH questioned was the figure for the “sand” option accurate. OC stated that funding could be sought for the economic study from beyond WG.
- 7.7 DW suggested that the project could focus more on environmental aspects of north shore with a focus on biodiversity, could accommodate sand and achieve the goals of the Well Being of Future Generations Act.
- 7.8 AS re-iterated that Llandudno is a tourist town and a sand beach should be at its heart.
- 7.9 EH stated that the funding and engineering solution to address the flood risk may be too narrow to accommodate the scale of enhancements and other streams of funding need to be identified.
- 7.10 NT stated that we need to “knock on more than one door” and identify other funding pots – OC gave example of Old Colwyn being funded by WG Transport
- 7.11 GR asked CMcC is any significant external tourism funding was in the pipeline – CMcC replied he did not believe there would be in the next few years.
- 7.12 EH stated that Wind Farm grant funding is targeted on community projects and is spread thinly.
- 7.13 CMcC stated that grant funding could be sought from existing grant schemes to carry out a study to “prove” value of a sand beach.
- 7.14 AS asked how LCF could get funding to carry out study. CMcC stated that there may be funding available to Llandudno TC through Place Planning, S106 monies and wind farm grants.
- 7.15 EH there is a 10 year plan in place (for Llandudno) which could be developed to reflect community requirements re sand beach. Need to have a plan in place to draw down funding when it becomes available.
- 7.16 DM stated that a study needed project which will benefit tourism, local community, and ecology – need to have proof that there is a benefit.
- 7.17 NT reiterated that need for the study to define the economic impact of sand v’s no sand. DW stated that we need to value environment also.
- 7.18 OC stated that the proposed OBC scheme is to increasing wall height marginally at north shore and a bund at west shore at car park. Modelling is the evidence that will confirm the scheme.
- 7.19 AS queried the existing north shore defence as there were steps exposed adjacent to old lifeboat slip “ I have never seen it that low” OC to investigate but stated that defences were not at risk.
- 7.20 NT thanked new members and stated that an evidenced based report will be required to advance capital investment in sand.

8. FURTHER INVESTIGATION / FUNDING OPTIONS

8.1 Not discussed.

9. LLANDUDNO BEACHES – INTERIM WORKS UPDATE

9.1 North Shore – None

9.1 West Shore - None

10. FUTURE LCF MEETING AGENDA CONTENT

10.1 Update on detailed design FBC and progress to date

10.2 Forward

11. TO DISCUSS OR NOTE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

11.1 None

12. MATTERS ARISING RELEVANT TO THE LLANDUDNO COASTAL FORUM

12.1 None

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

13.1 TBA