

East Head Coastal Issues Advisory Group Meeting

West Wittering Football Pavilion
10th October 2011, 10.30am

MINUTES

Present:

Gavin Holder (GH)	Chichester District Council (CDC)
David Lowsley (DL)	Chichester District Council (CDC)
Emma Kelman (EK)	Natural England (NE)
Jane Field (JF)	Natural England (NE)
Mark Wardle (MW)	National Trust (NT)
Richard Craven (RC)	Chichester Harbour Conservancy (CHC)
Alison Fowler (AF)	Chichester Harbour Conservancy (CHC)
Siun Craggy (SC)	Chichester Harbour Conservancy (CHC)
Keith Martin (KM)	West Wittering Parish Council (WWPC)
Marcus Irwin-Brown (MIB)	West Wittering Estates (WWE)
Andrew Laurence (AL)	National Trust (NT)
Liz Rogers (LR)	Chichester District Council (CDC)

Apologies

Clive Moon (CM)	Portsmouth, Havant and Gosport Coastal Partnership
Alison Fowler (AF)	Chichester Harbour Conservancy (CHC)
Nick Gray (NG)	Environmental Agency (EA)
Stella Hadley (SH)	Cakeham Manor Estate (CME)
Richard Shrubbs (RS)	F.G. Wooder Trust (FGWT)

Item		Action
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	<p>Site Visit</p> <p>a) A site visit was undertaken to East Head and West Wittering to look at;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The trigger measuring points and the general beach levels 2. West Wittering flood defence scheme 3. Cakeham frontage 	
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	<p>Introductions</p> <p>a) Round the table introductions welcoming Jane Field from Natural England.</p>	
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	<p>Review of actions from meeting of 21st September 2010.</p> <p>a) All actions were undertaken and no issues were raised.</p> <p>b) A small interim report (which will be free) is going to be undertaken on the sand dune area and provide</p>	

	recommendations for future options.	
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	<p>Updates on monitoring, survey data and recent site walkover</p> <p>a) <u>Update</u> – GH explained on site that three surveys have been done so far and they have shown the levels and differences between the 1st and last survey. GH is going to email the table of data to KM. GH explained that the group need to find a better way of displaying the data.</p> <p>b) <u>Survey reports</u> – GH is going to send a link to all with the details of the Annual Selsey Bill to Southampton survey report for 2011. GH explained that between 2003 – 2011 there were a few areas showing a loss. The blue maps for 2010 – 2011 show changes in the cross section of the beach and at the neck there is a slight increase in beach material, though little change on the hinge. However over the last few weeks there is more material starting to build up in the area, and there is localised erosion on the hinge.</p> <p>c) <u>Triggers</u> – By measuring at the trigger points it will illustrate any changes on the beaches and will allow us to respond to those changes in the most effective way.</p>	<p>GH</p> <p>GH</p>
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	<p>West Wittering Flood Defences</p> <p>a) <u>Site visit</u> – This was viewed during the mornings site visit, and GH invited any other comments following this.</p> <p>b) <u>Update</u> – There are still a number of funding issues, because it is difficult to secure that local funding will not be used until they are sure that EA have funding in place for the full project lifecycle. Also discussions are being held with EA regarding the maintenance of the flood defences. It is felt that the EA need to treat this asset as they would with other similar assets, and this needs to be explained within the legal documentation.</p> <p>c) <u>Charitable status</u> - They are currently looking at how, with charitable status, they would be able to give back the donations to local residents if the flood defences are not built.</p> <p>d) <u>Project Update</u> - Works have now started, and there is confidence that the project is of high priority and will be completed. The timescale of the work will be depended on the arrival of the geese, and when they do arrive a watching brief would take place to see what impact the lorry movements are having, and the disruption they are causing to the birds.</p> <p>e) <u>Traffic Management Plans</u> – A traffic management plan is in place, which is managing the lorry movements.</p>	

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	<p>Coastal strategies, shoreline management plans and schemes - updates.</p> <p>I. There is currently not much to report on the Pagham – East head strategy.</p> <p>II. The Portchester – Emsworth study has begun, this study includes 120 yards of CDC coastline, which has a hold the line policy on it. KM is going to give a copy of the Pagham to East Head draft coastal defence strategy to MIB.</p> <p>III. Work has started on the beach management plan. Funding options assessed so far have included £150,000 a year for Bracklesham, Selsey and West Wittering frontage.</p> <p>IV. West Wittering is looking at options for securing a contribution for future works.</p> <p>V. <u>East Beach New Ramp</u> – The new public slip way is a result of the Manhood Peninsula Partnership and is being funded by DEFRA, with £200,000 identified for this facility.</p>	KM
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	<p>Website news</p> <p>A) KM has been monitoring the number of people using the website and encourages the group to log on and have a look at the data.</p> <p>B) KM has asked for feedback on the website</p> <p>C) The changes to the Trigger points made by GH need to be highlighted. KM is going to look into this and whether the tables can be uploaded as PDF's.</p> <p>D) The forum is going to be kept in place; it is a useful tool for the group to be able to comment on documentation and issues.</p> <p>E) The trigger tables are going to be kept private on the website until they are finalised. Then they will become available to the public.</p> <p>F) GH asked the group to provide him with any feedback regarding the trigger point tables.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>KM</p> <p>ALL</p>
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	<p>Financial Issues</p> <p>A) There is currently £3,277.25p in the group's budget. Some of this will be used for Malcolm Brays study taking place next year. GH asked whether the group wanted to add to the budget again this year, and it was agreed that each party would add the same amount as last year, which was £350. GH is going to organise the invoicing for this.</p>	GH

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	<p>AOB</p> <p>A) <u>SILL</u> – Richard explained that they are happy to keep the trigger points in place and until the trigger is reached, they will not look at installing a SILL.</p>	
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	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>A) It was agreed that the next meeting would take place during February 2012. GH will send around a proposed date for this in the near future.</p>	GH