

# East Head Coastal Issues Advisory Group Meeting

West Wittering Football Pavilion  
16<sup>th</sup> December 2014

## MINUTES

**Present:** David Lowsley (DL) Chichester District Council (CDC)  
 Dominic Henly (DH) Chichester District Council (CDC)  
 Richard Craven (RC) Chichester Harbour Conservancy (CHC)  
 Mark Wardle (MW) National Trust (NT)  
 Jayne Field (JF) Natural England (NE)  
 Marcus Irwin Brown (MIB) West Wittering Estates (WWE)  
 Stephen Hammett (SH) West Wittering Estates (WWE)  
 Keith Martin (KM) West Wittering Parish Council (WWPC)  
 Uwe Dornbusch (UD) Environment Agency (EA)

**Apologies:** Stella Hadley (StelH) Cakeham Manor Estate (CME)  
 Richard Shrubbs (RS) F.G. Woodger Trust (FGWT)  
 Lisa Trownson (LT) National Trust (NT)

Item		Action
1	<p><b>Review of Previous minutes</b></p> <p>A number of attendees were missed: Uwe Dornbusch, Brinsley Nicholson and Richard Austin</p> <p>3- Trigger points DL to action            Comment re-sill was made by StelH, not SH as reported</p> <p>Otherwise minutes agreed as accurate and correct</p>	
2	<p><b>Asset Condition Update</b></p> <p>MIB C20 – C22 up to 8 small holes which are up to 1m in length, request made to NE for permission to carry out repairs, MIB to apply outside of the group for permission.</p> <p>SH C23-C24 where gabions have been removed the northern end is forming well so far but the southern end is leading to cliffing and exposing secondary gabions which are failing.</p> <p>WWE to apply to NE for consent to cover exposed gabions</p>	
3	<p><b>Adaptive Management Action Plan</b></p> <p>DL circulated updated action plan and potential bund cross section to group</p> <p>Group agreed due to significant engineering works in a sensitive area planning permission will be required.</p>	

	<p><b>Comments on cross section:</b></p> <p>MIB requested further cross sections, and for highest recorded tide to be represented.</p> <p>SH requested a predicted beach be shown, group noted that erosion will not be even and exact locations are unknown.</p> <p>KM raised and group agreed over washing was preferable during extreme events</p> <p><b>Comments on Plan:</b></p> <p>KM - there is a need to demonstrate a high level of confidence, quotes and references from experts should be used. Extracts/expert responses to be included in the appendices where possible</p> <p>Pg5. "positive approach" to be replaced by "long term solution" , additional formatting agreed to be required</p> <p>MW - further visualisation required to initiate public buy-in, DL agreed to consider possible additions including illustrating historical changes</p> <p>DL to produce updated draft for next meeting</p> <p><b>Bund / Shingle Recharge</b></p> <p>Estimate costs:</p> <p>Shingle bund £90k To cover walking Area £280k</p> <p>Government funding confirmed to be unavailable due to the absence of tangible financial benefits, WWE expects to fund majority of works but will look for local contributions</p> <p>WWE to project manage and procure the works</p> <p>NE Habitat Regulations Assessment will be required</p> <p>Bund location and access impact discussed. Area at risk, available space and height also considered</p> <p>UD produced and circulated a proposed footprint for the bund which will be approximately 4.5 m AoD (matching the level behind the breastwork).</p> <p>Proposed footprint agreed by the group, subject to detail design. UD to produce and circulate 3D visualisation of bund</p>	<p>DL</p> <p>DL</p> <p>UD</p>
4	<b>Planning Permission</b>	

	<p>CDC to apply for the planning permission, in consultation with the land owner (WWE)</p> <p>Habitats Regulation Assessment will be required and will need to be produced by a consultant</p>	
5	<p><b>Public Consultation</b></p> <p>Discussions re- public consultation deferred to next meeting.</p>	
6	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>KM thanked DL for his work so far in producing the action plan</p> <p>Groyne extension funding confirmed to be outside of CDC revenue works, and there would be no justification for government funding.</p>	
7	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Multiple apologies for meeting 21<sup>st</sup> Jan</p> <p>Next meeting date TBC subject to doodle poll to be administered by DH</p>	DH