

# LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

## COASTAL FORUM MEETING

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

**Chairman:** Cllr Ms. S. Holman, Mayor of Lyme Regis

**LRTC:** Miss V. Stickler, Cllr Ms. R. Austin, Cllr Miss L. Campbell, Cllr C. Clipson, Cllr Mrs. L. Jenkin, Cllr T. O'Grady, Cllr G. Symonds, Cllr D. Turner, Cllr Ms. A. Williams and Mr. J. Wright.

**WDDC:** Mr. N. Browning (Project Manager)

**Halcrow:** Mr. G. Davis (Project Manager) and Mr. C. Evans (Supervisor)

**Dean & Dyball:** Mr. C. Hill (Project Manager)

**Guests:** Ms. J. Baylis, Ms. J. Beadle, Mr. C. Boothroyd, Mrs. C. Clipson, Mr. J. Cook, Mr. K. Dibben, Mr. J. Dover, Ms. A. Driver, Mrs. W. Davies, Mr. K. Gollop, Mr. D. Hallett, P. Hawksworth, Ms. G. Holdstock, Ms. M. Horsfield, Mrs. C. Lowe, Mr. P. Lowe, Mr. J. Moseley, Mr. F. Price, Mrs. R. Price, Mr. V. Rattenbury, Mrs. A. Rattenbury, Ms. C. Robson, Ms. C. Robson, Ms. S. Sage, Mr. J. Sargent, Mr. M. Smith, Ms. Y. Smith, Mr. J. Tesoriere, Mr. I. Uglow, Mrs. J. Uglow, Miss S. Whitemore, Mr. P. Williams and Mr. S. Williams

#### Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. Davies, Mrs. S. Davies, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Douglas, Cllr Mrs. M. Ellis, Mrs. I. Etherington, Mr. M. Etherington, M. Furber, Cllr M. Gage, Mr. T. Gedge, Mrs. G. Peed, Mr. P. Peed, Cllr M. Penfold, Ms. S. Poupard, Ms. C. Rimmington, Mrs. A. Sargent, Mr. T. Sweeney, Mrs. C. Thomas, Mr. G. Thomas, Mr. D. Venes and Mr. S. Wilkins.

#### Matters arising from the notes of the previous meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011

There were no matters arising from the notes of the previous meeting.

#### Phase IV Coast Protection Scheme

Mr. N. Browning summarised the plans for the Phase IV Coast Protection Scheme and advised that the project was working to schedule with major works due to commence in April 2013.

The approved cost for the project was £19.5m. £1.5m for the lead-in work had been funded by Defra, the Environment Agency, West Dorset District Council and Dorset County Council. £16.5 of the project costs would be funded by Defra and the Environment Agency, Dorset County Council would fund 20% from 2014 and West Dorset District Council had committed £600,000 plus forward funding.

Halcrow had been appointed as the supervising contractor and in May 2012, Dean & Dyball were appointed as the main contractor with a design and build, target based contract. URS were the detailed design consultant for Dean & Dyball.

The work currently taking place on-site included environmental mitigation, site investigation and detailed design development. Current issues included the constraints within the planning consent, access to the working areas, traffic management and retaining public access and the involvement of artists in the project.

Mr. G. Davies summarised that Halcrow's role was to ensure that the work was delivered in accordance with the requirements of West Dorset District Council, to co-ordinate health and safety and the oversee the nature conservation by providing an Ecological Clerk of Works. Key staff included Mr. C. Evans (Supervisor), Mr. D. Field (Assistant Supervisor) and Ms. J. Cullis (Ecological Clerk of Works). He added that animal surveys, tree and vegetation surveys, animal rescue and the clearing of vegetation were being undertaken present.

Mr. C. Hill advised those present of the history of Dean & Dyball. He outlined their approach to the detailed design and construction of the works and the types of machinery expected to be used. Their key staff included Mr. T. Morant (Senior Quantity Surveyor), Mr. J. Cartwright (Site Agent), Mr. G. Martin (Site Engineer) and Mr. R. Hein (URS Design Manager).

The key stages for the project were as follows:

September – October 2012	Set up site (commenced on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2012)
September 2012 – March 2013	Detailed design works and site clearance
September 2012 – February 2013	Ecological works and site investigation
April 2013 – April 2014	Main Construction Works
May – August 2014	Landscaping

The following keys points were made during discussion:

- Mr. S. Williams was concerned with traffic management plans, in particular the use of Church Street.
- Mr. C. Hill confirmed that there may be the need to restrict access to Gun Cliff for some periods of time during the works.
- Concrete would be batched on-site.
- There would be steps from the new sea wall to the foreshore below and it was hoped that there would be a footpath from Charmouth Road Car Park to the sea wall.
- The water collected in the cut-off drains would feed into a new drainage system.
- The allotments would be reinstated and fruit trees, sheds etc. destroyed or damaged as a result of the works would be replaced, new for old. There is no provision within the Coast Protection Act for compensation payments but compensation may be payable in some instances. Mr. N. Browning, Mr. C. Evans and Mr. C. Hill had met representatives of the allotments association to discuss arrangements for the work. WDDC will pay the annual fee to the Town Council for the year that an allotment is taken out of use as a result of the scheme. The works that would impact on the allotments were early in the schedule and reinstatement would take place as soon as possible after completion of construction.
- It was hoped that local labour would be used as for Phase II.
- An information cabin on the town beach was being considered for the summer periods but planning consent may be required.
- Information would be provided through leaflets, the WDDC website and by email.
- A Community Advisory Groups would be established for traffic management. Meetings had been held with residents of East Cliff.

### **Any Other Business**

Mr. K. Gollop queried any progress with the Cobb. It was advised that the Cobb was Phase V. Mr. N. Browning acknowledged that although recent surveys had shown little deterioration in the structure, the condition of the surface was poor. Meetings had taken place to discuss how to improve short-term repairs to the surface and provide for structural repairs in the longer term.

### **Date of next meeting**

*The next meeting will be held in April 2013.*