

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

COASTAL FORUM MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2013

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

LRTC: Cllr C. Clipson, Cllr M. Gage, Cllr Mrs. L. Jenkin, Cllr T. O'Grady, Miss V. Stickler, Cllr D. Turner and Mr. J. Wright

WDDC: Mr. N. Browning (Project Manager) and Cllr M. Penfold

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

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

Guests: Mr. M. Axten, Mr. J. Bragg, Mr. J. Cook, Mr. J. Crocker, Mrs. V. Doney, Mr. R. Edmonds, Mr. D. Edwards, Mrs. I. Etherington, Mr. M. Etherington, Mr. D. Gale, Mr. K. Gollop, Mr. D. Hallett, Mrs. J. Hollands, Mr. P. Hollands, P. Howse, Ms. A. Maslen, Mrs. M. McConkey, Mr. J. Moseley, Mrs. P. Moseley, Ms. J. Pack, Mrs. G. Peed, Mr. P. Peed, Ms. A. Pinchin, Mr. R. Price, Mr. F. Rogers, Mrs. W. Rogers, Ms. C. Sharp, Mr. M. Smith, Mrs. Y. Smith, Ms. G. Steinberg, Mr. T. Sweeney, Mr. P. Szadorski, Mr. J. Tesoriere, Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. B. Thornber, Mr. D. Venes, Ms. J. Waldron and Miss S. Whitmore

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Ms. E. Austin, Mr. C. Davies, Mrs. S. Davies, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Douglas, Mr. P. Evans, M. Furber, Mr. T. Gedge, Mr. R. Gollop, Mr. A. Kennard, Mrs. F. Price, Mrs. A. Sankey and Mr. P. Sankey.

Matters arising from the notes of the previous meeting held on the 20th September 2012

The Mayor asked for an update on the proposed footpath from Charmouth Road Car Park to the new sea wall. Mr. N. Browning responded that plans were well developed for a path that would run from the south side of the Car Park, through the edge of the Special Area of Conservation area to the new sea wall. Proposals were being considered by West Dorset District Council and Dorset County Council.

Mr. N. Browning also confirmed that West Dorset District Council had been invited to use the Jubilee Pavilion to display information on Phase IV rather than having an information cabin on the beach.

Phase IV Coast Protection Scheme

Mr. N. Browning's presentation is attached.

Mr. C. Hill's presentation is attached.

Mr. S. Williams was concerned about the impact that the reduction in car parking spaces would have on traders. Mr. N. Browning advised that at peak times, there would be 170 parking spaces available in Charmouth Road Car Park, but the number would be significantly reduced during the next few weeks whilst the deep cut off drains were installed. The Mayor added that the Town Council was investigating an expansion to the two park & ride services.

In response to a question from Mr. B. Thornber, Mr. N. Browning confirmed that structural surveys would be carried out.

In response to a question from Mr. D. Edwards, Mr. C. Hill advised that the majority of the spoil from the site would be reused within the structure but some would also be used on other Dean & Dyball projects in the area.

Mr. G. Davis explained that the scheme was intended to protect the town and residential properties as opposed to the land to the east of the scheme (such as the Spittles, Golf Club, meadows etc.) He was confident that the scheme would protect the town as intended. Additional piling had been included in the scheme to compensate for erosion east of the new sea wall.

Cllr T. O'Grady queried plans to ensure safety of pedestrians and other road users in Church Street. Mr. C. Hill responded that there was a detailed traffic management plan in place and the majority of vehicle movements would take place as early as possible in the day. Marshals would be placed on the route to control vehicle movements and would be in contact via radios. The drivers delivering concrete to the site were from a local contractor and therefore would know the town. Mr. T. O'Grady asked if West Dorset District Council would be funding the resurfacing of Church Street after the scheme was completed. Mr. N. Browning stated that if there was damage caused to the surface of the road as a direct consequence of vehicle movements linked to the scheme, they would be required to make repairs. The rock armour would be brought to site by road.

Mr. D. Hallett asked if the contractors would be employing local people. Mr. C. Hill confirmed that some local people had already been engaged to work on the scheme and local sub-contractors were used as much as possible.

Mr. N. Browning confirmed that there would not be any lighting of the footpath, the surface of the new sea wall would be brushed concrete with inlaid sets and the groynes would be removed as much as possible without damaging the ledges as they served no useful purpose.

Any Other Business

Mr. K. Gollop asked for an update on The Cobb. Mr. N. Browning advised that there was some progress and discussions were taking place with representatives from English Heritage to develop a management plan. Methods for repairing the walkway when damaged and an approach for strengthening and improving the structure in the longer term would be agreed.

The Mayor thanked Mr. N. Browning and Mr. C. Hill for their presentations.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in September 2013