

SEFTON COAST PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING
3 OCTOBER 2006 – FORMBY LIBRARY

Present

Ted Jackson - Chair Sefton Coast Partnership
 Andrew Brockbank – National Trust
 Andrew Hall Sefton Council (PERD)
 Ralph Gregson MBE – Chair Toursim & Communication Task Group
 Nick Roche – Mersey Forest
 Councillor Ian Moncur – Sefton Council
 Dave McAleavy – Nature Conservation and Shoreline Management Task Group
 Louise Hopkins - Mersey Partnership
 Annie Worsley – Chair Research Task Group
 Jen Lewis – Acting Chair History & Archaeology Task Group
 Lord Ronnie Fearn – Sefton Council

Apologies

David Taylor – Formby Golf Club
 Peter Sandman – Sefton Council (Tourism)
 Rajan Paul – Sefton Council (Leisure)
 Ceri Jones – Sefton Council (PERD)
 Reg Yorke – Chair History & Archaeology Task Group
 Tony Baker – RSPB
 Rachel Northover – Sefton Council (Coast & Countryside)
 Major Doug Farrington – Reserve Forces & Cadets Assoc TAVRA
 Also English Nature, Graham Lymbery Sefton Council (Coastal Defence)
 were not present

1. Apologies	Action
Apologies were read out.	
2. Minutes of the meeting 6 June 2006	
It was noted that Rachel Northover was present at the 6 th June meeting Board meeting.	
3. Matters Arising	
<p>It was noted that comment from an individual responding to the Nature Conservation Strategy consultations had asked that their comments be put before the Board. AH apologised for this not being brought to this Board. It was noted that this should be done for the next meeting.</p> <p>AG informed the Board the SCP ICZM Plan is in the process of going to Area Committees.</p>	

<p>NR informed the Board that the Forest Plan review would be brought to either the Jan or Jun OI Board.</p>	
4. Feedback on Trust Status	
<p><i>The Board agreed with the Recommendation: to keep this issue under review for future consideration, particularly if there was a change to future management arrangements.</i></p>	
5. Sefton Borough Partnership	
<p>AH/DMc explained the background to the SBP and the LAA. The Board agreed in principle to the SCP being given a high profile in the LAA and Community Strategy whilst acknowledging there would be no new monies as a result.</p> <p>It was emphasised that whilst the environment as a whole needed to be reflected better on the Economic Development and Sustainability Block, it also had to be prominent at the executive decision making level.</p> <p>Action Clarify environmental representation on the Economic Development Sustainability Block</p> <p>Invite Mark Long to speak to the Board. Letter from Ted Jackson.</p> <p>AH informed the Board that he had been invited to attend a meeting of the Economic Development and Sustainability Block in relation to preparation of an action plan as part of the review of the Community Strategy - This is to be held 2pm on 30th October. AG requested that the Board and advisors submit issues concerning the environment to AH by this date.</p> <p><i>The Board approved the SCP target for enhancing the coast in the Local Area Agreement.</i></p>	<p>AH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>ALL</p>
6. Servicing the Sefton Coast Partnership	
<p>AH explained the reasoning behind the proposal to investigate alternative management arrangements. ie the implementation of the Nature Conservation Strategy</p>	

<p>through a coast co-ordinator and the servicing of the partnership be hosted by a body at arms length of the council. TJ commented charitable organisations may have to source contributions externally from existing revenue, specifically for the Sefton coast.</p> <p>It was agreed that a sub group would develop options led by AH and would involve DMc, AB Natural England, RSPB, EA and Nick Roche plus anyone else who was interested.</p> <p><i>The Board supported the recommendation that alternative management arrangements be explored.</i></p>	<p>AH</p>
<p>7. DEFRA ICZM Consultation -</p>	
<p>NWC Response AH explained background to the report and how it had led on it.</p> <p><i>The Board noted the report and that a response to DEFRA on consultation relating to ICZM had been submitted by NWCF and Sefton Coast Partnership.</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>8. Communication Strategy</p>	
<p><i>The Board supported the recommendation: that a communication strategy is developed by the Tourism and Communication Task Group.</i></p> <p>It was agreed that any draft should be forwarded to the Task groups for feedback before being presented to the Board. No lead person has been identified yet within the task group. A framework will need to be drafted as to what the constituted parts of the strategy should be.</p>	<p>Tourism Task Group</p>
<p>9. Coastlines</p>	
<p>It was agreed that due to funding issues John Bannon of GDP would be approached to produce and publish a “coastlines” for June 2007. This will be the only edition published in 2007. It may be possible for John to find sponsorship either whole or in part to cover costs. John is a member of the Tourism and Communications Task</p>	

<p>Group.</p> <p>DMc to speak to John Bannon and if John is prepared to try and make this work. AH will draft up a commissioning brief. In the meantime pledges are required to fund the Winter edition of Coastlines 2006. There is current a shortfall of £1,300</p> <p>Currently £1,000 is committed - £250 from National Trust and £750 from Planning & Economic Regeneration Department.</p> <p>AH emphasised that in edition his Department/Directorate paid for 2,500 mailings to individuals and organisations at a cost of £2,000.</p> <p>The cost in staff time accounts to design and produce each edition of Coastlines is £3,600.</p>	<p>DMc/ AH</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>10. 2007 Draft Programme and Volunteer Award</p>	
<p><i>The Board agreed the Draft Programme.</i></p> <p>Rachel Northover to advise on the best way to involve schools in the forum. Proposal to be circulated to task group for comments and for the Task group to lead on this.</p> <p>The Board supported the idea that the 2008 Forum be aligned to Sefton's Programme for City of Culture celebrations, and should be led by the Lifelong Learning task Group/Research involvement of Youth Groups.</p> <p>PS unsure as to whether Sefton's Natural Coast should figure in the 2007 programme. Alternatives include the work that Creative Concern is doing for the Merseywaterfront or the Merseywaterfront undertaking a presentation on the Strategic Spatial framework.</p> <p>A working group will need to be called to develop the programme.</p> <p>NR asked the Forest Plan review be included as a workshop</p> <p>Pledges from English Nature (now Natural England), Leisure, Technical Services and Tourism who supported last year's forum would be appreciated.</p>	<p>RN/LL</p> <p>LL</p>

Pledges from other partners also requested.	
11.	
<p>The chair TJ thanked on behalf of the Board JH or his efforts so far in the development of the strategy.</p> <p><i>The Board praised the efforts of local people and key stakeholders in the process.</i></p> <p><i>The Board confirmed it was happy with the list of features given in Appendix II as a basics for development.</i></p> <p>It was agreed that further discussion was required on where culture and archaeology sits as it is an important influencing fact on nature conservation and in respect of the Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership submission JH reported on progress regarding the LPS so far.</p> <p>It was agreed the Working Group would take forward LPS issues.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>JH</p>
12. Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership Submission	
<p>JH reported on progress regarding the LPS so far.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Working Group take forward LPS issues.</p>	
13. Partner Reports	
<p>Jen Lewis more confident that the proceedings of the History & Archaeology conference would be published by Christmas.</p> <p>The Board support a rerun of the National Archaeology week for 2007.</p> <p>The Board thanked Ann Worsley and the Research Task Group for raising the profile of the Sefton Coast nationally.</p>	

<p>The Natural Environment Research Council NERC have awarded major funding to a joint research bid between Plymouth, Liverpool and the Proudman Observatory looking at sedimentary change.</p>	
<p>14. Date of next meeting Thursday 18th January and Thursday 7 June 2007.</p>	