

**Sefton Coast Partnership  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008  
Ainsdale Discovery Centre**



**Present:**

Ted Jackson MBE – Chair Sefton Coast Partnership  
 Ralph Gregson MBE – Chair of SCP Tourism & Communications Task Group  
 Cllr Lord Ronnie Fearn – Cabinet Member for Sefton Tourism & Leisure  
 David Taylor – SCP Golf Representative  
 Dave McAleavy – Sefton Council (Coast & Countryside)  
 Andrew Hall – Sefton Council (PERD)  
 Graham Lymbery – Sefton Council (Coastal Defence)  
 Tony Baker – RSPB  
 Stephen Ayliffe – Natural England  
 Mike Downey – Natural England  
 Rachel Northover – Chair of Lifelong Learning Task Group  
 Chris Bennett – Chair of SCP Nature Conservation Task Group  
 Annie Worsley – Chair of Research Task Group  
 Jen Lewis – Chair of History & Archaeology Task Group  
 Lorna Lander – Sefton Council (PERD)

**Apologies:**

Peter Sandman – Sefton Council (Tourism)  
 Mark Long – Sefton Council (PERD)  
 Cllr B Porter  
 Cllr P Cummins  
 Cllr S McGuire  
 Peter Morton

<b>1. Apologies</b>	
Apologies were read out.	
<b>2. Welcome to new members</b>	
<p>The Chair welcomed Stephen Ayliffe the new Communities Manager at the Natural England.</p> <p>Chair had received a letter from Committee Administrator to inform the Board of the names of the new council members who had been appointed to the SCP Board.</p> <p>Discussion took place with regard to Board representation of the new Council members and the existing Cabinet members.</p> <p>From those SCP members present the majority agreed representation should be from Cabinet members ie Leisure &amp; Tourism, Planning and Environmental; if unable to attend any future meetings then the Cabinet members should</p>	

<p>appoint a named deputy to be their representative. SCP members present also agreed that an additional place on the Board should be offered to the Cabinet Member for Communities and deputy.</p> <p>AH agreed follow this up with Steve Pearce from Committee Section to convey these views of the Board regarding representation of Cabinet/Council members on the Board.</p>	<p><b>AH</b></p>
<p><b>3. Matters Arising from last Minutes</b></p>	
<p>Nature Conservation Strategy – CB Chair of the NC Task confirmed all organisations where happy with the Strategy. DMc confirmed that a report will be going to the Leisure Services Cabinet Member meeting and then on to Sefton Cabinet in December for approval – the report is recommending the establishment of a Sefton Nature Conservation forum.</p> <p>Following this year’s successful SCP Forum the 2009 forum date has been set for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at Southport Theatre and Convention Centre. The theme for 2009 will be The Landscape Partnership Scheme. Pledges were sort for contributions towards costs.</p>	
<p><b>4. HLF Landscape Partnership</b></p>	
<p>DMc tabled a paper updating the group following the successful announcement of the Stage 1 pass confirming the offer of a development grant to support development works towards Stage 2 application. The Stage 1 pass is not a guarantee that we shall receive a Stage 2 grant for the project. The Stage 2 submission deadline is 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009.</p> <p>An LPS Steering Group had met to discuss in detail the offer letter at its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October. This group will guide the preparation of a report to the Sefton Council’s Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism and SCP Board.</p> <p>DMc will circulate to the SCP Board the names, once finalised, of all those who sit on the LPS steering group, a copy of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> October and also a list of the 18 projects involved in the LPS.</p> <p>The development stage has a tight timescale and following discussion with the HLF Case Officer there is an agreement to consider a secondment to the post of LPS Development Officer. Sefton Council will be responsible for the appointee of the secondment. DMc advised that he had written to key</p>	<p><b>DMc</b></p>

<p>members of the partnership asking for names to be put forward.</p> <p>If an appointment can be made in the next few weeks, work on the development stage will commence before the New Year.</p> <p>The SCP formally thanked DMc and all the partners involved for all the work they had done towards the preparation of the bid. The Chair on behalf of the SCP will formally write to also John Houston to thank him for his contribution.</p>	
<b>5. Communication</b>	
<p>Board agreed to one edition of Coastlines in 2009 with publication in readiness for the Forum in June. Pledges were sought for contributions towards publishing costs. Heather Rowley from Natural England will be responsible for the collection of articles and chasing copy from the contributors.</p> <p>The future of the partnership web site was discussed briefly and the meeting was notified that an upgrade is required to support the use of the site for the NCS and LPS. Further discussion is required in respect of resources and the future management of the web site.</p> <p>Leisure Services, Coast and Countryside have coordinated the events leaflet for the last two years. DMc gave notice that a new coordinator partner is now required.</p>	
<b>6. A.O.B</b>	
<p>RG is a member of the Sefton Borough Partnership Environment Sub Group and would like to invite a member of the SCP to join the group, which meet three times a year. Anyone interested please contact RG.</p> <p>DT advised the Board that he had become a member (albeit for a short time) of the new independent woodland monitoring group set up by the Formby Area Committee. The aim of the group was to monitor the work of local landowners, particularly as it affected the forested areas along the Formby coast, and to develop a trusting relationship with them all. He felt, however, that after attending the first meeting on 2nd Oct, that the other group members were reluctant to accept any element of trust and that future working relationships would not come easily. Subsequently, however, DT has been informed by Sefton Legal Department that he can no longer be a member of this group as he is an active member of the Sefton Coast</p>	

<p>Partnership.</p> <p>MD from NE advised that to date he had received no communication from this Woodland Monitoring Group and all work that is done regarding the Woodlands is done with approval from Forestry Commission.</p> <p>The Chair made comment in respect of future Chairpersons of the SCP board.</p>	
<p><b>7. Date for next Meeting</b></p>	
<p>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 2.00pm Ainsdale Discovery Centre</p>	