

SEFTON COAST PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

7 February 2006 – FORMBY LIBRARY

Present

Ted Jackson - Chair (Sefton Coast Partnership)
Ceri Jones – Sefton Council (PERD)
Graham Lymbery - Sefton Council (Coastal Defence)
Andrew Brockbank – National Trust
Andrew Hall Sefton Council (PERD)
Ralph Gregson MBE – Chair Toursim & Communication Task Group
Nick Roche – Mersey Forest
Rachel Northover – Sefton Council (Coast & Countryside)
Doug Farrington – (RFCA)
Nick Haigh – English Nature
Dave McAleavy – Nature Conservation and Shoreline Management Task Group
Rajan Paul – Sefton Council (Leisure Services)
Cllr. David Tattersall
Peter Sandman – Sefton Council (Tourism)

Apologies

Annie Worsley – Chair Research Task Group
Louise Hopkins/Carole Parker – Mersey Partnership
Councillor Ian Moncur – Sefton Council
David Taylor – Formby Golf Club
Jane Sansbury – Environmental Agency
Jen Lewis / Reg Yorke – Chair History & Archaeology Task Group
Lorna Lander – Sefton Council (PERD)
Fiona Sunners – Sefton Council (Coast & Countryside)

1. Apologies	Action
Apologies were read out.	
2. Minutes of the meeting 28 June 2005	
It was noted that Lord Fearn was present at the 6th October Board meeting.	
3. Matters Arising	
CJ reported that investigation into possible TRUST status would be investigated by one of his officers who has had direct experience of these issues, and that a report would be forthcoming.	CJ

<p>PS was asked to bring forward his report (part of item 12) on the Tourism Marketing Plan for the Sefton Coast as he had to leave early. PS stated that it had been produced and was no being implemented as per the Sefton Coast Tourism Development Plan.</p>	<p>PS</p>
<p>4. SCP ICZM Plan 2006-2011</p>	
<p>AH explained the proposal to publicly consult on the final draft (13th feb to 24th March) and on the SEA screening determination. Awaiting a response from the statutory consultees.</p> <p>The Board gave their approval to proceed</p>	<p>AG</p>
<p>5. Nature Conservation Strategy and Biodiversity delivery Plan: Draft Issues Report and Summary for Consultation</p>	
<p>JH summarised progress and the next steps in developing the delivery plan. His report proposes stakeholder consultation on documentation produced so far as well as key stakeholder thematic workshops, to develop principles and objectives in greater detail.</p> <p>The board approved these proposals</p>	
<p>6. SCP Board Representation</p>	
<p>CJ presented his proposals regarding Board attendees and alternates. It was noted that DMc was now a Board Member given that he chairs one of the task groups. No concern was expressed as to the Council having undue influence as a result.</p> <p>The Board agreed the proposals – this included DMc with Rachel Northover as his alternate representing the Life Long Learning Task group also. Report to be amended accordingly.</p>	
<p>7. 2005 Draft Annual Report</p>	
<p>CJ thanked all those who had contributed and Environmental regen team for co-ordinating. CJ pointed out that there were still parts that required updating and asked for further comments asap.</p> <p>The Board approved the report</p>	

8. Water Centre Update

CJ reported good progress on a £6m new Water Centre at Crosby Marine Lake, inc Cabinet approval for an Objective 1 bid although additional resources will be required. Steps include; monitoring lake water quality, sketch designs for the WATER centre. The Greenbank Sports Academy updating the business plan and identifying match funding. A survey has been completed and the WATER centre has been included in a pan waterfront bid as part of a Living Landmarks programme within the Big Lottery.

9. Gateways Project Update

AH explained that the study was progressing and that a project steering group meeting was scheduled for later in the week, when final options for detailed work would be agreed.

Options are to be displayed at the Forum

10. 2006 Coastal Forum Update

GL provided a verbal update to the Board, on progress. 175 people had been registered, there is one soap box session planned which will allow for more questions after lunch. GL reported that there would be a questionnaire in the delegates pack on issues relating to the date of the forum, website and coastlines.

TJ formally thanked those involved in organising the event (Environmental Regen Technical team) and the guest speakers (nature Cons task group).

TJ notified the Board that Gordon Roberts has been awarded the volunteer prize this year. AH advised that the profiling of volunteering on the coast could be raised in the summer edition of coastlines.

11. National Archaeology Week (Jen Lewis)

JL explained the proposal and gave an update so far on progress. PS has offered to help with publicity. Small contributions are asked for from those participating by

<p>the 31st March (SMBC Tourism deadline) and 12th May (Council of Archaeology advert). The response so far from partners has been very positive.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>12. Brief update reports from task group leaders</p>	
<p>Research: AW – research at St Luke’s continues to make progress. Task Group has submitted a bid to MMNWC.</p> <p>Tourism & Communication: RG – reported how strongly attended this group was at presented, and acknowledged the strong support from the Tourism task group. Volunteer award, website for visiting Sefton’s Natural Coast and implementation of various aspects of thr marketing plan were progressing. Tourism research results have been received. Signage strategy is progressing and a working party has met to take forward. A working party to discuss the future of coastlines will also convene shortly which will follow recommendations to the Board</p> <p>Woodlands Forest Plan: The task group will meet after the forum to evaluate progress for the last year and discuss feedback from the forum.</p> <p>Nature Conservation: DMc thanked JH for his speed of work on the Nature Conservation strategy. Nature conservation underpins the range of activities on the coast, therefore work developing to develop tourism and access needs also to be raised with this group.</p> <p>Life Long Learning: Hasn’t met recently</p> <p>Access: It was agreed after some discussion by the Board that Peter Cushion would become the task group leader for access. It was agreed that an implementation framework needs to be reinvigorated in anticipation of funding opportunities (Mwaterfront and Lottery). MEETINGS ARE PLANNED involving the Council’s strategic planning unit and tourism. AB circulated illustrations for branding the Sefton coast path.</p>	
<p>13. AOB</p>	
<p>AH mentioned that the North West Coastal Forum have commissioned The Environment Partnership to evaluate</p>	

the benefits of funding the natural economy on the NW Coast. AH thanked all Sefton Partners for submitting project proposals.	
14. Date of next meeting 6th June 2.30pm Formby Library	