

MINUTES SEFTON COAST PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

18 January 2007 – 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)
Lorna Lander – Sefton Council (PERD)
David Taylor – Formby Golf Club
Rajan Paul – Sefton Council (Leisure Services)
Jen Lewis - Chair History & Archaeology Task Group
Dave McAleavy – Nature Conservation and Shoreline Management Task Group
Rachel Northover – Sefton Council (Coast & Countryside Service – Leisure Services Dept)
Nick Roche – Mersey Forest
John Houston - SCP
Cllr. David Tattersall – Sefton Council
Cllr. Lord Ronnie Fearn – Sefton Council

Apologies

Cllr. Ian Moncur
Louise Hopkins/Carole Parker – Mersey Partnership
Reg Yorke – Chair History & Archaeology Task Group
Ralph Gregson MBE – Chair Toursim & Communication Task Group
Michael Downey – Natural England
Nick Haigh – Natural England
Peter Sandman – Sefton Council (Tourism)
Annie Worsley – Chair Research Task Group
Major Doug Farrington TAVRA
Major Bill Hunter TAVRA
Tony Baker – RSPB
Jane Sansbury – Environment Agency

1. Apologies	Action
Apologies were read out.	
2. Minutes of the meeting 3rd^h Oct 2006	
Agreed	
3. Matters Arising	
Item 3. AH informed the Board that the individual's comments responding to the Nature Conservation Strategy consultation had been presented to the Board at the 6 June Board Meeting as an addendum to item 6.	AH speak with ML

<p>Item 5 All agreed to defer Mark Long's attendance on the work of the Sefton Borough Partnership and the role of the environment, and the Local Area Agreement until more was known about any environmental sub group being formed.</p> <p>Item 6. Until the outcome of Landscape Partnership was known it was agreed to put this item on hold.</p> <p>Item 9. Nick Haigh from NE is to co-ordinate the next issue of Coastlines due out in May. LL confirmed that costs could be kept down if publication was presented in A5 with 16 page layout and this may also save on postage costs. If contributions towards its publication costs remained the same as this year then publishing costs would be covered for one edition in May.</p>	
4. Gateway Study Update	
<p>Study is 85% completed. Gillespies have been waiting for a number of comments from various sources which have now been received and will be incorporated and the necessary corrections made to complete the study as soon as possible. The study will then be placed on the website and made available to the public.</p> <p>Lord Fearn requested a report back on the gateway study at the next meeting.</p>	
5. Proposal for a Community and Consultation Strategy to the management of change at the National Trust Gateway site at Victoria Road	
<p>AB discussed the content of the Gillespie proposal for the Gateway site at Victoria Road and outlined the NT's proposal programme for engagement with the community and recognises that adequate stakeholder involvement is vital where major changes are proposed.</p> <p>The report will consider a range of other possible improvements to visitor facilities but AB stressed at this stage a major issue to be considered is the relocation of the car park at the Victoria Road so as to allow natural conservation and a much better access. AB went on to discuss key questions which need to be considered before a decision is made.</p> <p>AB also hoped a solution could be found to get the balance right to encourage visitors to use other sites and not just the site at Victoria Road.</p> <p>NT will offer presentations and workshops so local people can be involved in shaping future access to the Formby coastline.</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i></p>	

<p>The Board notes the report and is encouraged to offer feedback on the approach being taken by the National Trust.</p> <p>That the Board encourages agreement between the key partners of a coordinated timetable for implementation of the low intervention options at each Gateway as a minimum requirement supporting sustainable development of Sefton's Natural Coast.</p> <p>The Board will sponsor a joint approach to consultation by the Sefton Coast Partnership in relation to other strategic elements of the Gateways Project. Eg. Traffic and transport issue, legibility of Gateways and a coordinated approach to development of the Sefton's Natural Coast offer.</p> <p>The Board Agreed.</p>	
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6. Proposed Sefton Coast HLF Landscape Partnership Bid.

<p>JH presented a report from the Working Group of the Sefton Coast Partnership. The report recommends that an application is prepared for a planning grant for a Landscape Partnership (LP) project through the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).</p> <p>JH gave a brief outline of the proposed bid and detailed the processes, aims, background, and action taken to date. The format, requirements, criteria and timetabling of such a bid were also discussed.</p> <p>DMcA confirmed that Leisure Services Department are the accountable body.</p> <p><i>The Board is asked to support the following recommendations;</i></p> <p>To approve the minutes of the Working Group (dated 18th December 2006), which advises that, the SCP proceeds with the submission of a Planning Grant application to HLF by 1 March 2007. This work to be coordinated by Sefton Council Leisure Services Department with the assistance of SCP members as required.</p> <p>To use as a basis for the application the current Coastal Planning Zone boundary of Sefton's UDP with a view to assessing a possible extension in the development of a landscape strategy. The final boundary of any LP scheme would be confirmed during the Planning Grant phase.</p> <p>For the SCP Board to authorise the current SCP Working Group to act as an 'interim LP Board' for the purpose of submitting the Planning Grant application. Further</p>	
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<p>consideration of the composition of the LP Board, and any need to broaden the scope of the SCP to be addressed during the Planning Grant phase.</p> <p>The Board is asked to confirm the membership of the Landscape Partnership planning team and consider extending invitations to other individuals or groups to join it in the preparation of the Landscape Partnership bid.</p> <p>Confirm a date for a meeting of the interim LP Board in week commencing 12 February 2007.</p> <p>The Board Agreed.</p> <p>Please advise JH of any additional names who you feel should join the Landscape Partnership Board. JH will be in touch to confirm the date of the interim LP Board meeting week commencing 12 February 2007.</p>	<p>JH</p>
<p>7. Launch of National Sand Dune and Shingle Conservation Management</p>	
<p>GL submitted a proposal to the working group which subsequently the group recommends to the Board for the SCP to become part of the National Sand Dune and Shingle Conservation Management network launched by Liverpool Hope University.</p> <p>The Board gave its agreement for the partnership to join the network.</p> <p>GL will act as liaison, on behalf of the Board, to become part of the group. GL agreed to disseminate and filter out any information relevant to the partnership.</p> <p>The Board also gives its agreement for the partnership to support the proposed internationally focussed conference which is being organised by Liverpool Hope University The support being to assist with field trips, submission papers and displays.</p>	<p>GL</p>
<p>8. Sefton Coast Partnership Conference Proposal – September 2008</p>	
<p>The Board approved the proposal for the Research Task Group to hold a conference in 2008 to celebrate 30 years of the Sefton Coast Partnership. The conference will formally document progress in the understanding that has been made since the Sand Dunes of the Sefton Coast Conference held in 1991. The Conference will pull together information that was not covered then and will cover advances since then. It will capture narrative experience and also share good practices</p>	<p>Research Task Group</p>

<p>GL advised that an editorial board will be established to follow an initial programme and this will allow for proceedings to be published in time for the conference and save on postage costs.</p> <p>Contributions are required from partners in terms of time and/or money.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>9. Progress Report/Updates from Task Groups</p>	
<p>Written updates/progress reports were presented from the following Task Groups :</p> <p><i>Education and Life Long Learning</i> – <i>The first meeting of the newly re-formed group took place on 15th November 2006 and from this projects and work areas have been defined. The group will meet again on 31st January 2007.</i></p> <p><i>History & Archaeology</i>- <i>conference proceedings will be produced by late summer and discussions were underway with regard to the launch, publication and likely costs.</i></p> <p><i>National Archaeology Week will run over four weeks rather than the Council's for British Archaeology' single week.</i></p> <p><i>JL expressed her thanks to all those who have so far agreed to participate.</i></p> <p><i>Nature Conservation & Biodiversity Delivery Plan</i> – <i>Progress report on the strategy has been reported in Coastlines (Winter 2006) and all background information and minutes of the sub group have been put on the Sefton coast website.</i></p> <p><i>Generally the project remains on schedule but is now working to the Board meeting of 7 June 2007 for completion and for presentation at the SCP Forum on 7 July 2007. However it is proposed that the strategy is 'operational' from April 2007</i></p> <p><i>Sefton Coast Woodlands (Forest Plan) -</i></p> <p>Mersey Forest - NR presented a table of progress made on implementing the forest plan. It illustrates that the partnership is working well together and NR would welcome ideas from the Board on how to present this information to public. This is to be referred to in forthcoming presentations relating to the 5 year Forest plan review.</p> <p>CJ asked that the broader engagement on the review of</p>	

<p>the Forest Plan and the Nature Conservation and Biodiversity Strategy should be looked at together. This was agreed and the Board were reminded that the NC and B strategy was following the principles and model of the Forest Plan.</p> <p>A number of coast related documents/strategies require broader consultation in the next 6 months or so. It was agreed that as a minimum a summary should be produced to assist the broader public and in particular area committees of this fact. It would help illustrate that the various leads were not operating in isolation.</p> <p>NT community engagement on gateway study Coastal access strategy NC and B Strategy Review of the Forest Plan for the Sefton Coast Shoreline management issues</p>	<p>GL will contact the relevant people to discuss.</p>
<p>10. Any Other Business</p>	
<p>Volunteer Award – each organisation to submit one individual nomination or one group. The Volunteer Award will be open to members of the public and nominations forms could be downloaded from the seftoncoast website or by contacting LL. All nominations have to be received no later than 11th May 2007.</p> <p>Those people on or wish to be on the judging panel would not be allowed to nominate. Please forward your interest in being on the panel to Lorna Lander</p> <p>2007 Forum - AH will circulate a draft programme for consideration by the working group and would welcome their comments/suggestions by 7th February.</p> <p>Annual Report – Submissions to be returned to AH by end of March.</p> <p>Events Guide – this will be published by the end of March.</p> <p>The Board confirmed that JS of the Environmental Agency (and Board Member) would give a 20 minute presentation at the next Board meeting in June on the results of ICREW project.</p> <p>Congratulations to the Chair for his award of an MBE for his work in conversation. Well deserved.</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting</p>	
<p>7 June 2007 at 2.30 pm Formby Library.</p>	

