

## **SEFTON COAST PARTNERSHIP**

### **BOARD MEETING 19<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

#### **Minutes of meeting**

##### **Present:**

Reg Yorke	History & Archaeology
Dave McAleavy	SMBC Coast & Countryside
Ralph Gregson	Birkdale Civic Society
Graham Lymbery	SMBC Coastal Defense
Ted Jackson	Wildlife Trust (Chair)
Andrew Hall	SMBC PERD (minutes)
Peter Sandman	SMBC Tourism
Major Doug Farrington	RFCA
Cllr David Tattersall	SMBC
David Taylor	Fromby Golf Club
Paul Nolan	Mersey Forest
Fiona Robertson	Wildlife Trust
Alice Kimpton	English Nature

**Apologies:** Cllr Lord Fearn (SMBC), Cllr Moncur (SMBC), Dr Annie Worsley (Edge Hill College), Rajan Paul (Sefton Leisure). Tony Baker (RSPB), Ceri Jones (Sefton PERD). Andrew Brockbank (National Trust).

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January 2005 were agreed.
- 3) Matters Arising – None
- 4) Red Squirrel Buffer Zone Proposal – Presentation by Fiona Robertson

FR reported that through the UK Red Squirrel Group a national strategy had been drawn up to establish refuge and buffer zones, of which there are 9 in the northwest. FR presented a plan for the Sefton Coast Red Squirrel Zone and she is currently seeking support from all landowners, managers, statutory agencies and conservation bodies for the designation of the Sefton Coast Woodlands. This is a non-statutory designation.

DMc questioned what was being done for Ormskirk in West Lancs. FR said that this was down to resources but acknowledged red existed in parts of Ormskirk.

FR said that all supporters were expected to sign up to a memorandum of agreement, to recognise this support.

##### ***Recommendation:***

***The SCP Board endorsed the proposals to support the Red Squirrel Buffer Zone Proposal for Sefton.***

5) Latest Draft 2004 Annual Report

Final changes by end of May with images.

**Recommendation:**

***The Board noted request***

**ALL**

6a) Annual Coastal Forum 2006

The Board was asked for comments on proposals that have been arranged by the chairs working group for the 2006 Forum.

Venue: Floral Hall

Programme: Slightly shortened, but generally same framework

Theme: Nature Conservation

The change of venue is an experiment to attract more delegates to the conference. Following comments about the ability to park cheaply, the Board agreed the following:

**Recommendation:**

***i. that the Board noted presentation for 2006 Forum***

***ii That in publicity/literature to delegates, public transport and park and ride service was promoted.***

6b) Proceedings 2005 Forum

**Recommendation :**

***The Board approved the proceedings for the 2005 Forum***

7) Funding SCP Activities

It was reported by AH to the Board that a combination of savings and additional pledges from the Board members was needed to support costs associated with Coastlines, the Annual Report and Annual Forum. Currently £12k-£13k for 2006. The reason was to free up the budget for the PERD project funding towards implementation projects and a project officer for Nature Conservation strategy. GL said that he was keen to see the value of in-kind contributions recognised in the future. This can be addressed as part of the revised Management Plan.

After some discussion on amount of contributions the Board agreed to the following short and medium term solutions.

**Recommendation :**

***i That PERD contact partners about appropriate level of contributions, with a follow up letter from Chair of the SCP, setting out return expected as a result of pledges eg exposure in Coastlines, exhibition space at Annual Forum, improved marketing of the Sefton Coast.***

***li That PERD look into the legal process, advantages and disadvantages of the SCP developing into a Trust (consult with Sefton Legal Department, Sefton CVS and Mersey Basin and Mersey Forest).***

8) Sea Britain

RG circulated the Sea Britain 2005 Programme for events in Sefton and thanked all concerned including Sarah Carter, Toursim.

9) SCP Management Plan Update

AH thanked contributors so far, reminded Board that this was an umbrella document to overarch all activities on the coast. Asked for contributions from those yet to submit by the end of the month. Draft to be coordinated by end of month for consideration at the next chairs working group.

***Recommendation :***

***Board noted progress and comment.***

10) Nature Conservation & Biodiversity Update

DMc reported that funding has now been confirmed to appoint a Biodiversity Project Officer to facilitate a Nature Conservation Strategy and Biodiversity Delivery Plan.

DMc agreed to discuss the Forest Woodland Plan and to what extent Nick Roche's role at the Mersey Forest could be taken on through this project officer (eg monitoring, supporting private landowners).

***Recommendation :***

***Board approved the job description subject to final alteration by English Nature and noted DMC report.***

11) AH and PS updated Board on progress following CIPD and Access Study. Next stage is to complete a joint report to Cabinet Members to endorse studies and produced a costed implementation plan for both studies, which will be taken to Mersey Waterfront, and SCP and the Council once complete.

PS emphasised additional market research to be undertaken to evaluate future marketing and branding of the coast

***Recommendation :***

***Board noted the report***

12) Working Group Updates

Chairs gave an update on activities

**Recommendation :**

***The Board agreed the following the working group and task group minutes should be approved by the groups themselves and loaded onto the SCP website as soon as possible.***

13) Copranet Workshop - September

GL report on the Sefton Copranet Workshop  
6-10 September 2005. Planning, Implementation and Monitoring of Coast Defences.  
GL will be approaching land managers to ask for assistance with site visits.

**Recommendation :**

***Board noted report***

14) Honeycomb worm *Sabellina alveolata*

**Recommendation :**

***The Board agreed to be associated Sabellonia alveolata leaflet through distribution and logo, providing it actually existing on the Sefton Coast. Alice Kimpton to report to Lorna Lander***

15) Coastnet Conference 15<sup>th</sup> September 2005 – Offshore development  
Eurosite Conference

**Recommendation :**

***Board noted conferences, but no one at this stage expressed a desire to attend.***

16) AOB

The date of the next meeting was moved due to Chair being away. Cllr Tattersall explained his difficulties with a Thursday and the offer was made to reschedule for an alternative day. DT was satisfied with next Board meeting as a Thursday which is October 6<sup>th</sup> 2005.

17) Date of next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October 2005, 2.00pm Formby Library.

