

**DRAFT MINUTES SEFTON COAST PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING
22 May 2008 – FORMBY LIBRARY**



Present

Ted Jackson - Chair (Sefton Coast Partnership)
 Andrew Brockbank – National Trust
 Dave McAleavy – Sefton Council (Coast & Countryside Service)
 Paul Nolan – Mersey Forest
 John Houston - SCP
 Ralph Gregson MBE – Chair Tourism & Communications Task Group
 Michael Downey – Natural England
 Sam Alston – Natural England
 Annie Worsley – Chair Research Task Group
 Rachel Northover – Sefton Council (Coast & Countryside Service)
 Lorna Lander – Sefton Council (PERD)
 Peter Morton – Mersey Waterfront

Apologies

Jen Lewis – Chair of History & Archeology Task Group
 Peter Sandman – Sefton Council (Tourism)
 Graham Lymbery – Coastal Defence
 Lord Fearn - Sefton Council
 Major Bill Hunter MBE -
 Jen Lewis - Chair History & Archaeology Task Group
 Rajan Paul – Sefton Council (Leisure Services)
 Andrew Hall Sefton Council (PERD)
 Carole Carrol – Mersey Waterfront
 David Taylor – Golf Representative
 Mark Long – Sefton Council (PERD)
 Tony Baker - RSPB

1. Apologies	Action
Apologies were read out	
2. Minutes of the Meeting 31 January 2008	
Agreed	
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes	
None	
4. Landscape Partnership	
<p>D.Mc delayed due to an incident at Crosby beach therefore JH gave a brief verbal update. (A more detailed report is attached). The final bid had now been submitted for £1.6 million to the HLF with a decision from HLF by 21st October 2008. 4 key documents were sent with this submission, Landscape Character document, Strategy document, including a Programmes document, showing all projects and budgets, Audience Development and Access Plan plus a Draft Training Plan. JH handed out hard copies of the documents to those present at the meeting. These will also be put on the Sefton coast website at www.seftoncoast.org.uk/landscape</p> <p>The bid is now in its evaluation period. Although no specific questions have been raised as yet a visit by HLF and LF advisor has been arranged through DMc as main contact person for the partnership. The advisor has asked to visit the access projects and the asparagus project. Due to such short notice given by HLF for this visit, AB</p>	

<p>advertised in the press.</p> <p>Volunteer Award – Again this year there will be two awards presented. As they are both strong nominations it was impossible to separate.</p> <p>It was noted that the awards that have been given out so far to date were not necessary for work that had been done in the year but for 'life long achievement' as volunteers. All agreed that the criteria for the future nominations should be reviewed.</p>	
7. Sefton's Dynamic Coast Conference	
<p>AW gave a brief update on the arrangements for the Conference Sefton's Dynamic Coast which is taking place on the 1st September at Southport Floral Hall/Exhibition Centre. Key note speakers will be Phil Dyke National trust and Lawrence Rose – RSPB.</p> <p>AW went on to remind all those who had agreed to submit papers to get them in by the July deadline. Revised papers end of June/1st July Proceedings will be published beforehand with the publication following later.</p> <p>Everyone must register even Board Members etc.</p> <p>Following this conference there will be a sub conference held at Edge Hill University – here again there is a booking procedure. Michelle Newton, research assistant, working with Graham Lymbery will email full details.</p>	
8. Research and Network Funding	
<p>AW reported that the annual one day conference took place last week at Edge Hill University. This is where final year student research groups are given the opportunity to present their findings at a professional conference alongside academic and coastal practitioners.</p> <p>Next year it will be its 10th anniversary. AW proposed that a much bigger event should be planned involving more universities. A two-day event could be considered.</p> <p>GL has secured grant funds from the Emcore Interreg IV project to support applied research on the Sefton Coast linked to the theme of coastal and climate change. A meeting would be held on 2 September 2008 to discuss project ideas which are bidding for a slice of a 50,000 euro fund.</p>	
9. Update by Task Groups	

<p>Research/Education Task Group – already covered above in items 7 and 8.</p> <p>Life Long Learning Task Group – already covered in item 6 above</p> <p>Tourism & Communications Group - RG gave a brief summary of happenings within the group. PS from Tourism seeks guidance and support from land managers to find out the profile of people coming to our coastline. PS will be contacting land managers shortly for financial support for the survey..</p> <p>Sefton Coastal Path/Mersey Waterfront – PS had given a presentation to Mersey Waterfront seeking £30K for a strategy implementation. Decision will be made by mid-summer 2008.</p> <p>Sefton's Natural Coast website should be fully operational in June 2008. A template was in place and line/land managers will be invited to participate and comment.</p> <p>Walking/Cycling Guide. – A booklet will be published shortly (30,000 circulation) and would incorporate details affecting inland and coastal destinations.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>PS</p>
<p>History and Archaeology – Update report by Jen Lewis enclosed.</p> <p>The Sand and Sea book launch went off well with 60 copies being sold on the day. As a geography teacher AW fully endorsed and highly recommended this book to all undergraduate students for research and should be promoted. The Chair asked AW, who agreed, to draft a letter for LL to send out to universities promoting the book.</p> <p>All details of the National Archaeology events taking place in July and August are now published on the websites at www.seftoncoast.org.uk and Council for British Archaeology at www.britarch.ac.uk</p> <p>Woodland Task Group -</p> <p>PN reported on progress with the 20-year Forest Plan. The first five years had been successful with most actions on target. The North Sefton City Learning Centre had helped with part of the review. Information will shortly be available on the website.</p> <p>Mersey Forest is a partner in the North West Climate Change Action Plan. There may be synergies between this and the IMCORE project.</p> <p>Nick Roche, who has guided the development and implementation of the Forest Plan is leaving Merseyforest at the end of July. The Chair, on behalf of the Board, expressed his thanks and appreciation for the fantastic job Nick has done in guiding us through the Forest Plan and has been a valuable member of the Task Group. RN agreed to draft a letter of thanks on behalf of the Chair of the SCP and the Task Group. AB stressed the important aspect of community engagement. PN agreed that the Mersey Forest would continue to support the Task Group.</p>	
<p>10. Sponsorship request</p>	

<p>Dr Phil Smith is looking for sponsorship for the publication of his new book , a longer and extensively revised version of "The Sands of Time" (1999). The text is finished but the two publishers who have expressed interest in taking it forward both require sponsorship to support printing costs. For a 2,000 print run the cost is between £5-£6K.</p> <p>Whilst TJ supported the request we need to know what will happen to the proceeds. LL will contact Phil to find out.</p> <p>RG suggested that this might well fit the criteria for grant monies from the Sefton Cultural Fund. The contact for this is Mary Wall in Leisure Services Department. LL will contact her for application form.</p>	<p>LL</p> <p>LL</p>
<p>11. A.O.B</p>	
<p>At this point DMc arrived and apologised for late arrival at the meeting.</p> <p>Eurosite - JH produced an update report following a successful one-day seminar on Natura 2000 held at the Prince of Wales in November. A presentation was given at that meeting on networking and the benefits of twinning between sites. The Board agreed that the invitation by Eurosite to take part in a twinning arrangement with the Island of Terchelling, Dutch Wadden Sea should be discussed at the next SCP Working Group meeting. Date of this meeting yet to be determined.</p>	
<p>12. Date of next meeting</p>	
<p>9th October meeting cancelled.</p> <p>Please note the date of the next meeting has been moved to Thursday 6th November 2008.</p>	