

**CROMER COAST PROTECTION SCHEME LIAISON GROUP**

7<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE, CROMER**



**Present:**

Cllr Angie Fitch-Tillett (Chairman)..... Portfolio Holder for Coastal Management  
 Cllr Hilary Cox (HC)..... Cromer District and County Councillor  
 Peter Frew (PF) ..... Project Manager  
 Brian Farrow (BF) ..... NNDC, Coastal Engineer  
 Duncan Nash (DN) ..... Volkerstevin  
 Emma Marsh (EM) ..... Volkerstevin  
 Peter Lawton (CP)..... URS  
 Clifford Phang (CPh) ..... URS  
 Deb Lewis (DL) ..... Cromer Pier Theatre  
 Claire Nightingale (CN) ..... Starvin Marvins  
 Eric Harrison (EH) ..... Starvin Marvins  
 Rob Goodliffe (RG)..... NNDC, Coastal Team Leader  
 Sharon Garth (SG) ..... NNDC, Coastal Admin Supt

1.	<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Jo Atherton - Cromer Pier Theatre, Bruce Stratton – CTIS, Lynden and David Greenwood - The Old Lookout, Richard Leeds (RL) - Cromer RNLI and Chamber of Trade and Ben Kewell - Cedar House Surf Shop/Glide Surf School</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Notes from the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015</u></b></p> <p>The notes from the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Actions/Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>Start-up Operations September 2015</u></b></p> <p>Work has started at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 2 westward – Promenade, Zig-Zag slope and Melbourne slope closed for access for concreting and precasting around the amusement arcade.</li> <li>• Section 4 and around the Pier (Section 5) with lower prom closed. Access to the Bathhouse and other prom properties available, but may be limited at times.</li> <li>• Groyne work – from groyne 3 westward with some work on groyne 4 but more heavily concentrated at groyne 5.</li> </ul>	

	<p>PF asked if the Melbourne slope toilets currently open with access from the top would stay open. DN replied that they will close at the end of October as usual as access would compromise operations.</p> <p>BF asked about access to the Arcade as it was their intention to remain open. He asked the question as he believed David McNaughton had moved on and a man called Harry had taken over. EM confirmed this and said she would pass his contact details on to BF. DN said they could put something into effect and work round them but it would be severely curtailed.</p>	<b><u>EM</u></b>
6.	<p><b><u>Forward Programme</u></b></p> <p>PL told the meeting that the programme schedule showed that all concreting would be completed by mid to late January 2016 providing conditions allowed the contractor to work to the programme. The remaining time would be for the resurfacing of the promenade from the Melbourne slope to the Gangway which was being subcontracted out.</p> <p>CN asked what date that all works would be completed, as Easter in 2016 was early – weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup> March. The meeting was told that the end date for the programme was 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. CN continued to say this made her upset she had already lost the October half term business and it now looked as if she'd be losing the Easter trade as well, especially as she had complied with the conditions for clearing the area, whereby others had flouted these conditions and were still trading, The Chairman apologised that no one from property services had come to the meeting and asked RG if he could liaise with property services to make sure someone attended in future..</p> <p>BF said he felt it was too early to be discussing dates for Easter arrangements as the programme for this season had only just started.</p> <p>PF suggested that the January 2016 monthly meeting of the group would be a better time for this discussion as by then there would be a better understanding of whether the work was running to plan and give a clearer idea of the likelihood of the dates being met, ahead or behind schedule.</p>	<b>RG</b>

7.	<p><b><u>Publicity</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman told the meeting there had been several press releases building up to the start of this phase of operations advising people what the works were about and at the same time promoting all year round tourism by saying Cromer was still open for business.</p> <p>RG said he still had stocks of the information leaflet; Refurbishment of sea walls and groyne 2013-2015, and presumed that press releases would be issued when there was something to be reported as last year.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested speaking to the communications team about a monthly update. BF replied there was not always enough to be reported on but would speak to the Communications team about it.</p>	<b>BF</b>
	<p>BF told the meeting he met regularly with Openwide who had a good publicity campaign running that we might be able to use to get information out to a wider audience.</p> <p>DL asked about access to the Pier with the resurfacing during February and March when their shows start. She said if they could have something to include in the programme as early as possible it would be excellent although they had been making people aware of the situation when taking show bookings. So far people had understood and there hadn't been any issues highlighted. BF said that when the sub-contractor doing the resurfacing was confirmed; which was imminent, all parties would need to sit down and talk in detail. BF asked DL if the theatre programme had been published yet, who replied it was in its final stages but would pass a copy to BF.</p> <p>PL asked for it to be stressed in any publicity that the restrictions that were now in place would remain throughout the winter period. In particular that there was no access to the beach when coming from the Runtons. Despite notices being put up last year to this effect people were still ignoring them. The Chairman replied this had been made clear in the recent press releases and suggested contacting the Coastl Watch to see if they could keep an eye open for walkers accessing the beach. EM would look into this.</p> <p>HC said she'd noticed that new signs had gone up on the coastal path and wondered if contacting Norfolk trails to see if they could include something in them would be another avenue to be explored to get the message across to the public.</p>	<b>DL</b>  <b>EM</b>
8.	<p><b><u>Future Arrangements and Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting has been arranged for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 15 – North Lodge, Cromer – 2 pm</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b><u>A.O.B</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 2:30 pm</p>	

