

**CROMER COAST PROTECTION SCHEME LIAISON GROUP**

**4<sup>th</sup> November 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  
 Eric Harrison (EH) ..... Starvin Marvins  
 Richard Leeds (RL) ..... Cromer RNLI & Chamber of Trade  
 Billy Gaff (BG) ..... North Norfolk Fishermens Society  
 John Davies (JD) ..... Cromer Lifeboat & Local Fishermen  
 Bruce Stratton (BS) ..... CTIS  
 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 Cat Plewman - Cromer Town Council, Claire Nightingale – Starvin Marvin and Sue Lawson - NNDC Communications Team</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Notes from the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015</u></b></p> <p>The notes from the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Actions/Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.                  The following actions from the October meeting had been completed</p> <p>Page 2 – 5. Start-Up Operations September 2015                  EM confirmed the name of David McNaughton’s successor as Harry Woodward</p> <p>Page 2 – 6. Forward Plan                  BF confirmed that Property Services had been contacted and asked if they could ensure someone was available to attend these meetings. It would be particularly important for them to attend the meetings after the Christmas break.</p> <p>Page 3 – 7. Publicity</p>	

	<p>BF spoke to the media team who are now posting articles to social media networks in addition to the press.</p> <p>DL had passed a copy of the theatre programme to DN&amp;EM, although there were still a few minor changes to make.</p> <p>EM had made contact with Coastwatch.</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>Start-up Operations September 2015</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work around the Pier was becoming intense and increasingly difficult with the use of the crane. Work is continuing under the Pier.</li> <li>• Work would be shifting from the east side to west side across the Pier. Groyne work is ongoing at groynes 4 and 5 with work progressing up to Groyne 6 but this would be weather dependent.</li> </ul> <p>DN asked how NNDC would feel if access to the promenade was closed completely because it was becoming increasingly difficult to maintain safe access with the use of the crane.</p> <p>The Chairman replied it would depend on how long we were talking about, but could not foresee any issue with the odd day.</p> <p>HT shared her concern with closing the promenade, which was that there would be insufficient time to publicise the closures. DN replied there would always be access to the pier from one side or the other. The Chairman said that Volkerstevin would need to liaise very closely with all the emergency services explaining clearly from which end the access would be during the closures in case emergency response was required.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Forward Programme</u></b></p> <p>PF told the meeting the contractors had taken full advantage of the early start; they were getting on well and had almost caught up with the programme. A decision would be made after Christmas as to how well the work was progressing.</p> <p>BG asked about the scuppers for the rain water along the proms, he understood that these were to be enlarged but was aware there were concerns that this had not happened. BF replied that this wasn't part of the scheme but the council had taken advantage of the new construction to enlarge some of the 'scuppers'. BG responded that this would be alright for rain water but not if there was another surge. BF said the old parapet wall is listed and where it is to be left insitu there will be no change. Where the new wall is being constructed and where possible the 'scuppers' are being enlarged. However if there are still issues, then these would be addressed after the current scheme had finished.</p> <p>The Chairman asked if the scuppers were being cleaned regularly and were free from sand, gravel and small objects. BF said they were fairly clear but was not sure if this came within the boundaries of the contract with Kier. The Chairman said she would speak to Kier regarding the promenade drainage.</p>	

7.	<p><b><u>Publicity</u></b></p> <p>BF told the meeting that the media team at NNDC were doing all that was asked of them and that any feedback he'd been made aware of was positive.</p> <p>DL said when people made their theatre bookings they were made aware there might be restrictions. They had found most people to be understanding and hadn't received any complaints or feedback. This was good news as it meant the message was getting out.</p>	
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, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 15 – North Lodge, Cromer – 2 pm</li> </ul> <p>HC tendered her apologies for this meeting.</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>A.O.B</u></b></p> <p>BG said the fishermen were encountering difficulties launching their vessels from the gangway as the beach level was so high. He asked if there was any intention to bring in a machine to level the beach off. BF replied this was a possibility but as this was not related to the scheme it was a discussion to be had outside this meeting.</p> <p>RL asked if the walls were being knocked down completely or just repaired. PL answered that the Parapet walls were being taken down to ground level and rebuilt. BF added if the promenade flint walls were not fit for purpose they would be repaired.</p> <p>RL asked if the compass rose was being removed during the resurfacing. PF replied there had been a lot of discussion around this, but the contractors have sourced a material which is a very fine tarmac resin that will be laid around the curves leaving the large areas to be done by machine.</p> <p>JD said he had concerns with the concreting on the beach which had created a large whole on the beachward side which could cause problems if there were any big winds. PL replied that Volkerstevin had a purpose made plank which can be easily dropped in place. DN confirmed this.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 2:40 pm</p>	