

CROMER COAST PROTECTION SCHEME LIAISON GROUP

18th February 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE, CROMER



Present:

Peter Frew (PF) (Chairman)Project Manager
Brian Farrow (BF)NNDC, Coastal Engineer
Cllr Angie Fitch-Tillett (AFT)NNDC Portfolio Holder for Coast
Peter FitchObserver
Andy Boyce (AB)Cromer Preservation Society
Duncan Nash (DN)Volkerstevin
D Greenwood (DG)
David MacNaughton (DM)Dunes Amusements
Peter Lawton (PL)URS
Richard Leeds (RL)RNLI /Cromer Chamber
Bruce Stratton (BS)CTIS – Cromer Pier
Rebecca Wass (RWa)Cromer Pier
John Davies (JD)Cromer Fisherman/Lifeboat
Peter Battrick (PB) NNDC Communications
Sharon Garth (SG)NNDC, Coastal Admin Supt

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| 1. | <u>Welcome</u> PF welcomed everyone to the meeting. |
| 2. | <u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received from Anna Davies and Rob Goodliffe |
| 3. | <u>Notes of meeting 14th January 2014</u> The notes of the last meeting were agreed. All actions from January's meeting have been completed |
| 4. | <u>Updates</u> a. Storm damage repairs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repairs incurred by the December storm have been incorporated into the project work plan where possible.• After 31 March temporary works to re-instate parapet wall will take place to stop water getting onto prom and effecting businesses.• A contractor has been appointed to remove the storm debris from the beach. AB asked what was happening with the grass bank on the Melbourne Slope. PL replied, the design for the bank by URS has been completed. BF queried if access to and from the Pier theatre was still required and if this would be via gangway or the Melbourne slope. BF also said that if access was require via the Melbourne Slope they would need to be advised in plenty of time. DN added access for light vehicles/taxis via the gangway would only be of some concern for the afternoon shows as evenings and weekends the works would be pulled in. |

AFT explained to the meeting that costs for the repairs were reported to be £2.8 million. However, between the application to the Belwin Scheme and the council's insurance there still remained a shortfall that would need to be met from the reserves.

b. Works contract progress

- Piling work has started from the west end working eastwards and under the Pier.
- There is no set format to the areas being worked as this is tidal dependent and will probably means that 2 or 3 areas could be being worked on at the same time.
- There will be a need to complete some drilling from the beach where the areas are inaccessible from the Prom.

BF asked if there had been any complaints received regarding noise. DN confirmed that Volkerstevin had not received any complaints. The meeting agreed that noise levels were not excessive.

c. Programme of works for next month

- It is intended to complete all piling and some drilling by the 31st March, with the concreting taking place in the next phase in October.
- Inspection of the timber battlement under the Pier will be inspected this phase.
- DN confirmed that access to the Beach would be open for Easter and Summer however he did suggested there might be a need to put some sort of temporary access back over Groyne 5 which had been removed for work to be carried out.

PF asked if Volkerstevin were leaving the site compound in situ over the closed period. DN responded saying he would need to talk to NNDC about it but if allowed it would enable work to start immediately at the beginning of the next phase rather than wait until the compound was re-erected again.

d. Information boards & flyers

- BF reported that the information boards had now been put in place although one had been re-sited to be more effective. The boards and the works were attracting a lot of interest from the public. BF asked if it was thought that more boards were required and where these could be sited. It was suggested that information boards were sited near all cliff top access points in particular at the top near the Hotel Paris.
- The meeting was told that members of the public were ignoring the signs from East Runton. There had been occasions where Volkerstevin staff had had to escorted people through the site. BF said there was little that could be done if people chose to ignore signs except manage it as best as we can. DN said that this week was worst and at some stage access round the Pier would be closed completely.

e. Publicity.

PF brought today's edition of the Eastern Daily Press (EDP) to the meeting's attention where a double page spread about the scheme had appeared. PB told the meeting that the briefing with Richard Batson from the EDP was originally intended to take place at the beginning of February but unfortunately had had to be delayed, however with the work on the slope and around the pier taking place this week the briefing took place on Friday 14th February. PB said this was good positive news but an opportunity to highlight that work will cease from the 31st March until the 1st October with access to all areas available during this period had been missed and needed to be emphasised in the next article.

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| 5. | <p><u>Discussion Points</u></p> <p>a. Beach Huts AB asked if the Council intended to replace the Beach huts destroyed by the storm with permanent structures or would the area be used as a temporary site. BF responded that a meeting on capital expenditure had taken place but he was not aware of the outcome and suggested contacting Duncan Ellis Head of Assets and Leisure or Cllr Rhodri Oliver Portfolio Holder for Corporate Assets for further information.</p> <p>b. Access DM reported that access to the Melbourne Slope was still being compromised by blue badge holders despite bollarding off with police cones. DN said currently this is not an issue except when moving piling however in October when concreting starts this could become a greater issue. BF said he will take to Maxine Collis in Property Services and the Police.</p> <p>JD said fishermen had approached him about access down the Melbourne slope for their boats at weekends. DN replied that if the fishermen spoke to him directly they could work something out, similar to the arrangements for the opening of the pier and asked if it was possible for them all come at the same time.</p> |
| 6. | <p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 18th March 2014 at Cromer Town Council, North Lodge starting at 2pm. |
| 7. | <p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>RL asked a number of technical questions regarding the piling and concreting. BF provided a detailed response and suggested to aid the ease of understanding examples of the designs would be brought to the next meeting.</p> <p>JD raised the question work on the breakwaters and scouring of the beach as the fisherman has raised a number of concerns. BF told JD to let him know and he would deal with them whether in or out of the contract as it was important to keep the beach particularly at the east end.</p> |
| | <p>PF thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 15:10 pm.</p> |