

CROMER COAST PROTECTION SCHEME LIAISON GROUP

17th December 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE, CROMER



Present:

Peter Frew (PF) Project Manager
 Brian Farrow (BF) NNDC, Coastal Engineer
 Cllr Angie Fitch-Tillett (Chairman)..... Portfolio Holder for Coastal Management
 Andy Boyce (AB) Cromer Preservation Society
 Rebecca Wass (RW) Cromer Pier Theatre
 Bruce Stratton (BS) CTIS
 Duncan Nash (DN) Volkerstevin
 Emma Marsh (EM) Volkerstevin
 Peter Lawton (PL) URS
 Cllr Hilary Cox (HC) NNDC, Coastal Management Board
 Rob Goodliffe (RG)..... NNDC, Coastal Team Manager
 Sharon Garth (SG) NNDC, Coastal Admin Supt

1.	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Dave Greenwood and Jacqui Palmer.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Notes from the meeting held on 19th November 2014</u></p> <p>Update – 2nd paragraph, DN asked for ‘compass’ to be inserted after the word ‘pier’, to clarify that it was only the pier compass that was being protected not the whole pier.</p> <p>With this amendment incorporated the notes of the last meeting were agreed.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Updates</u></p> <p>a. Where we are now - DN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastward of the Pier - .All concrete work has been completed, and most of the Groyne work. Groyne 1 has some minor work to the root to be finished. Beach and Promenade has been cleared of machinery and debris with full access restored to the public. • Pier – fences around bastion, work under the pier on-going. • Westward of the Pier – Section 3 and Groyne 3 and 4 on-going, Section 2a and groyne work has just started. A walkway with good signage will be made for access during the Christmas shut down. The gate at groyne 4 will be closed but the gates at groynes 5 and 6 will be filled with 1ton bags of sand. <p>The Chairman asked for clarification that there would be full</p>	

	<p>pedestrian access along the promenade and the beach cleared of debris to enable the annual boxing day swim to take. PL confirmed that pedestrian access would be unrestricted from the Melbourne Slope through to the Gangway, and that the eastside beach would be debris free. Unrestricted access from promenade to beach on the east side of the Pier via existing steps will be provided.</p> <p>The beach access to the immediate east of the Pier leading to the lower apron beneath the Pier will be securely closed off to the public.</p> <p>b. Programme of Works - PL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas and New Year closedown dates – Friday 18th December 2014 – Monday 5th January 2015 • From January work on section 5 will continue. Work to the west and the groynes will be on-going until March 2015 during which time there will be no pedestrian access to this area. <p>The Chairman asked if the Theatre has any big events in the diary during this period. RW replied there was a one off concert on 14th February 2015 and a series of weekend concerts starting the 8th March 2015. After these the next scheduled event was the Cromer & Sheringham Operatic Society concerts but these were not due to start until May.</p> <p>c. <u>Other Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BF asked when the booking office and was due to move. RW explained that the middle of January 2015 was target date but it was likely that the portacabin would be going in the next couple of weeks. As an interim measure the box office would move to temporary accommodation but would be open for business. • The Chairman asked if the transport arrangements were working well. RW replied on the whole everything had gone smoothly there had been a minor issue which was easily sorted through better signage with the help of EN and Ricky Wright. • PF told the meeting he has been working with the District Council and has been given a positive response to the contractors application to gain consent to extend the working time by 1 hour in the evenings [to 8 pm] and , to include some Saturdays. Any work carried out at weekends would be dependent on tides and weather conditions and wouldn't be every weekend. PF would be writing to the contractor in the near future to confirm the details. 	
4.	<p><u>Publicity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EN producing and circulation Volkerstevin update pamphlet. • RG working closely with the NNDC communications team on press publicity articles • BF emphasised it was important to keep the message to the public and in people's minds that even though there was major work to the sea defences going on Cromer and the Pier were still open for business • BS suggested that an article was put into the Volkerstevin newsletter about the Box Office move and that it was open. • BF complimented the Theatre on the Christmas light decorations 	

	around the box office and pier entrance.	
5.	<p><u>Future Arrangements and Next Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st January 15 – North Lodge, Cromer – 2 pm • 18th February 15 – North Lodge, Cromer – 2 pm • 18th March 15 – North Lodge, Cromer – 2 pm 	
6.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
	The meeting closed at 14:20 pm.	