

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Southern Coastal Group held on 9 June 2017

Present:

Ken Buchan, Dorset CC
Mr Lyall Cairns, Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership
Dr Uwe Dornbusch, Environment Agency
Nick Gray, Environment Agency
Dr David Harlow, Bournemouth Borough Council
Dominic Henly, Chichester District Council
Mr Matt Hosey, Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership
Jenny Jakeways, Isle of Wight Council
Tim Kermode, TK Coastal
Mr David Lowsley, Chichester District Council
Angela Marlow, Natural England
Stuart McVey, Southeast Regional Coastal Monitoring Programme
Mr David Robson, Borough of Poole Council
Lamorna Taylor, Dorset Council Partnership
Mr Neil Watson, Environment Agency
Mr Gordon Wilkinson, Eastleigh Borough Council

125 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Bryan Curtis, David Jenkins, Vincent May, Stevyn Ricketts, Matthew Penny, Tim Adams, Steve Cook, Nick Hardiman and Samantha Cope.

126 Minutes of the Last Meeting (Paper A)

The Chairman encouraged members to respond to a request for completed returns of the SCG Programme Management Tool.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Southern Coastal Group held on 17 March 2017 be set as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

- a) Reference to 'Dorset Coastal Partnership' be amended to read 'Dorset Council Partnership'; and
- b) Minute 116 be amended to read 'In relation to SMP refresh, officers suggested using a dedicated individual consultant'

127 Request for Nominations for Vice Chair

Officers considered nominations for the position of Vice Chair, following the departure of Stuart Terry from Borough of Poole Council.

RESOLVED that Dave Robson be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Southern Coastal Group.

128 Chairman's Update (Paper B)

The Chairman provided the Group with an update on activities since the previous meeting. The update included the following key points:

- Coastal Strategic Overview – Further to the presentation delivered to the Group by Nick Hardiman, work was continuing to ensure SMP action plans were consistent and fit for purpose.
- National Coastal Erosion Risk Mapping (NCERM) – The Group were disappointed to note that NCERM information had been removed from the “My Backyard” EA website, as there were concerns that this was a significant loss and locally held data would not be sufficient. Officers discussed a communications theme on creative solutions to convey messages on coastal erosion risk.
- Coastal SIG – Officers were pleased to note the growing influence of the Coastal SIG in recent years.
- Adaptation – A workshop has been held in April to discuss climate change, associated risk and coastal change, with breakout groups considering planning and funding.
- Maintenance and Funding – A meeting would be held in July to consider possible funding activities for coastal protection.

Members were reminded to contact the Chairman if they wished to have any further information on these topics.

129 FCERM Capital Programme - Nick Gray

The Chairman invited Nick Gray to update the Group on the NCERM Capital Programme. The update included the following key points:

- PAF Bidding - PAF was a new online tool used for the submission and updating of capital projects, and had received positive feedback from users in the Hampshire, Sussex and Isle of Wight areas. Officers were encouraged to send any further feedback on the tool to Nick Gray.
- Programme Delivery Units – It was proposed that the tendering of projects in the areas of Hampshire, Sussex, Isle of Wight, Hertfordshire, West Thames and North London would be combined to form a ‘Programme Delivery Unit’, marking a change from the current system of several mini-tenders. This was aimed at providing efficiency savings, quicker project timescales and reducing concerns over disenfranchising bidders with numerous smaller bids.

Officers raised concerns however over value for money and a focus on outcomes over costs and legacy issues. It was agreed that Matt Hosey and Nick Gray would meet with the PDU co-ordinator at EA to discuss the procurement concerns.

- Programme expectations beyond 6 years – There was a desire to populate the 6 Year Plan beyond the current plan (to 2021), with no EA projects in the pipeline for submission. Officers were therefore asked to provide details on their projects to EA for submission to central government. The discussion covered concerns over lifespans of assets and the need to ensure outcome measures include legacy concerns, with these topics suggested as possible projects for submission.

130 Research Report - Sam Cope (Paper C)

The Chairman invited officers to provide updates on the progress of projects in the Research Programmes. These updates included details of ongoing research projects and those that had reached completion.

The following studies were discussed:

- Establishing shingle transport pathways – Church Norton Spit – Discussions were ongoing with students to undertake the second phase of the study.
- Beach response in front of structures in open coast – The recent mild winter had resulted in the inability to monitor scour. Further monitoring would be undertaken and supplement the draft report for the study.
- Monitoring of Poole Nearshore Replenishment Trials – The study had been completed and the final report was with the Environment Agency for sign-off. The Chairman would contact the relevant officer to provide the executive summary.
- Scanning of historical aerial photography – Flight paths would be added to the images compiled in Year 1 of the study prior to publication online. Year 2 of the study will be conducted by Dr David Harlow and continue the scanning of remaining photographs held by local authorities.
- Dismantling of Timber Groynes – Draft reports had been produced by Dr Williams and Dr Harlow, detailing their analysis of the study. The results had shown Greenheart timber had been extensively impacted by gribble, while Ekki timber had shown minimal signs of ware and were being prepared for re-deployment.
- CIRIA Groynes in Coastal Management Manual – Dr David Harlow and Peter Ferguson had attended a workshop to discuss the construction, design, maintenance and repair of groyne systems in relation to the project. A report from the session would be produced shortly.

131 Contaminated Land Study - Tim Kermode (Presentation)

The Chairman invited Tim Kermode to provide a presentation to the Group on the SCOPAC Contaminated Land Study.

The presentation detailed the progress of the study so far, the scale of the issue and possible sources of funding. Possible sources included NCERM – GIA, Local Levy funds or Waste Management Capital, but there was no obvious funding solution. The presentation also detailed the next steps for the study, including continuing investigations into funding solutions and raising the profile of the issue to elected members.

The Group considered the draft letter to the Environment Agency Area Teams, which would be escalated to a national level.

RESOLVED that the Group endorse the draft letter to the Environment Agency Area Teams.

132 SMP Action Plan Review - Tim Kermode

The Chairman invited Tim Kermode to update the Group on the SMP Action Plan Review.

The review aimed to provide consistent data across the SCOPAC region, with the aim of a complete dataset by the end of the summer. The next stage would include referring the spreadsheet back to local authorities for comment.

The Group also discussed the Terms of Reference Workshop on 4 July, and whether this would impact upon the review. Officers also raised the possibility of a SMP workshop following the SCG meeting in September.

It was agreed that the Chairman would circulate the SMP Delivery Risk spreadsheet to the Group.

133 Coastal Monitoring Report - Stuart McVey (Paper D)

The Chairman invited Stuart McVey to introduce the report on the progress of the Southeast Regional Coastal Monitoring Programme and update the Group on any further developments.

The update included the indication of good outcomes on the structure laser scan surveys undertaken of coastal structures at Totland Bay and Colwell Bay on the Isle of Wight.

Following a request from Dr David Harlow, it was agreed that Bournemouth City Council survey data could be made available through the Channel Coast Observatory website.

134 Coastal Asset Data Update - Neil Watson (Presentation)

The Chairman provided the Group with an update on the Coastal Asset Data Project.

The update included a report from the workshop held on 3 May to discuss the progress made to date and next steps for the project. The baseline laser survey was due to commence shortly and officers were in discussions to ascertain the best system to allow for consistent and compatible manipulation and storage of the survey data.

An invitation had been sent to a System Review workshop on 22 June to explore and discuss possible systems.

135 Coastal Yammer Experience to Date - Uwe Dornbusch

The Chairman invited Uwe Dornbusch to lead the discussion on officer's experience of using Yammer.

The Group were reminded that the social media tool allowed for officers to disseminate information to targeted audiences in a timely fashion. Officers mentioned the need for local authorities to check compliance with local IT policies.

Officers were again encouraged to use Yammer and it was agreed this would be raised at future meetings.

136 SCOPAC Visit

The Chairman confirmed that the SCOPAC Annual Site Visit would visit Highcliffe Bay, Christchurch on 28 June.

Officers were asked to encourage attendance among elected members. Further details on the site visit would be circulated prior to the date.

137 AOB

Lyll Cairns raised the issue of Local Levy Bids. Neil Watson and Nick Gray were requested to circulate guidance on the four levy principles to the Group. It was also agreed that Jo Matthews or Alastair Moody would contact Matt Hosey in relation to this, with a view to presenting an item at a future Group meeting.

Matt Hosey provided a brief update on procurement. The Professional Services Framework was working well, with seven local authorities signed up, while the tenders for the Minor Works Framework tenders had been returned and were currently being assessed.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 12.57 pm

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