

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Southern Coastal Group held in on 11 March 2016

Present:

Jack Caine, Havant Borough Council
Steven Cook, New Forest District Council
Dr Samantha Cope, New Forest District Council
Dr Uwe Dornbusch, Environment Agency
Mr Mike Goater, Purbeck District Council
Mr Matt Hosey, Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership
Karen McHugh, Solent Forum
Mr David Robson
Nicholas Rogers
Mr Neil Watson
Mr Gordon Wilkinson, Eastleigh Borough Council
Mr Steve Woolard, Christchurch Borough Council
Mr Dominic Henly, Chichester District Council
Mr Nick Gray, Environment Agency
Mr Keith Nursey, Environment Agency

65 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Lyall Cairns, Bret Davies, Eleanor Blundell, Julia Potter, Nick Hardiman, Stuart Terry, Tim Adams, Sarah Cairns, Jenny Jakeways, Angela Marlow, Stevyn Ricketts, Sam Foulds, Guy Mason and Bernadine Maguire.

66 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising (Paper A)

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 11 December 2016 be set as a correct record.

67 Chairman's Update & Dissemination from National Coastal Chairs (Neil Watson - Paper B and C)

The Chairman introduced the paper to the officers and outlined its content. The outline included:

- An update on the progress of the Asset Coast asset management system, which had been implemented in Canterbury. Information regarding the 7 April Asset Coast workshop would be circulated at a later date. Officers discussed the benefits and differences between Regional asset management systems and National asset management systems. Officers discussed the possibility of a workshop session on this topic.
- SMP Action Plan Updates
- Habitat Creation Programme

Neil Watson gave a presentation on Residual Uncertainty Allowance, which outlined the impact of freeboarding and mitigating unknown coastal defence factors. Presentation slides would be circulated to officers.

The Group discussed the provisional workshop date in June 2016 on Efficiencies and a possible clash with a London workshop on a similar subject. It was agreed the Group would investigate alternative topics for discussion for the June 2016 workshop.

68 National Coastal Monitoring Programme Update (Paper D)

The Chairman asked Steve Cook to introduce the report to officers and give an update on the National Coastal Monitoring Programme.

Officers discussed requests for additional surveys and work not included in the baseline and the need to ensure this is monitored. There were concerns raised over inconsistency within these additional tasks and possible overlaps in workloads. Officers agreed to approach the Project Board for Coastal Monitoring to identify if any guidance had been issued.

69 R&D Programme Update (Sam Cope - Paper E)

Dr Samantha Cope gave an overview on the progress of the Research Programme. The update included details of ongoing research projects and those that had reached completion.

The following studies were discussed:

- Coastal Sediment Budget Project - The report will be circulated to the Research sub-group before being uploaded to the SCOPAC website.
- Establishing shingle transport pathways – Church Norton Spit – 100 pebbles have had radio frequency ID tags inserted and will be deployed in March. A recent painted pebble test produced encouraging results.
- Beach response in front of structures in open coast – scour chain exercise would take place in Stokes Bay and similar tests to be arranged across the region.
- Monitoring of Poole Nearshore Replenishment Trials – The final topographic and swath bathymetry surveys will be completed by the end of March 2016 with a view to producing a report in June.
- Scanning of Historical Aerial Photography – An exercise was underway to collate local authority photography. Officers were encouraged to send information on known aerials to the project.
- Dismantling of Timber Groynes at Bournemouth Borough Council – 5 out of 10 groynes have been dismantled with a view to the analysis by TRADA starting soon.
- Maintenance of Coastal Structures – Phase 1: Timber Groynes – Provisions have been set aside in the SCOPAC business plan to cover this work if not covered by the joint Defra and EA FCERM R&D programme. Further information would be provided when available.
- SCOPAC Sediment Transport Study
- Reducing Regional Flood and Erosion Risk from Wave Action on the Channel Coast Project – A workshop will take place on the 28 June 2016.

70 Storm Damage Reports from Members

The Chairman updated the group on the effect the recent storms that had affected the area. The recent storms had affected sea defences already vulnerable from the 2014 storms and as a result, materials had been diminished considerably.

Officers discussed an 'index of vulnerability', a monitoring exercise to understand the damage sustained by seawalls and map this out across the area. Officers also discussed the lack of post-storm surveys conducted, which made it difficult to quantify damage.

It was agreed that officers would review and update the spreadsheet with data from their respective coastal areas and this would form a substantive item on the agenda of the next meeting of the SCG.

71 SCG Budget Profile and Action Plan Priorities

The Chairman invited Karen McHugh from Solent Forum to introduce the Marine Consents Guide Funding Request to the Group.

The Marine Consents Guide was looking to publish a fourth edition, which would update the third edition from 2012 with details of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. It was advised this document was useful for small and medium-scale licence applications and had a good response from those that used it. Officers were invited to comment and ask questions to Karen on this request.

The Group agreed they were supportive of this initiative and would match appropriate funds as part of the 2017/18 business plan.

72 Coastal Modelling & Forecasting Services

The Chairman invited Keith Nursey from the Coastal Modelling and Forecasting Team to deliver a presentation to the Group on the role and functions of his team. The presentation outlined the following points:

- Forecasting Delivery Plan
- The Coastal Modelling and Forecasting Team structure
- The national coverage of the Team
- Priorities to improve service
- Examples of the work the Team carries out

The presentation also outlined the importance of maintaining dialogue with the Team at early stages of project work.

73 Supporting Delivery

The Group discussed the strategic objectives of the Southern Coastal Group and how best to support these objectives.

Neil Watson discussed the Capital Programme and Medium Term Plan refresh and advised the group on the progress of the plans. As there was capacity on the Programme for more work, Neil advised officers to bring forward any projects in the development stage from the 2016/17 to the current programme.

Matt Hosey was invited to provide the Group with an update on efficiency targets within the SCG. Matt suggested using an SCG session for officers to share key areas on efficiency targets. Officers discussed suitable alternatives for the provisional workshop slot booked in for June 2016.

Additionally officers were advised on the progress of the procurement of the New Professional Services Framework. Bids had been received from 12 bidders and these were in the process of being evaluated with a view to provide a preferred bidder by the start of the new financial year. It was agreed that Matt Hosey will provide a presentation on this at the next SCG meeting.

74 AOB

Officers were advised that the next meeting date would be 24 June 2016 with a provisional afternoon workshop on a subject to be decided.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 12.34 pm

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