

Coastal Liaison Group

Meeting No. 4

22nd March 2017

Conference Room, County Hall

Minutes

Present: Councillors: P. Mulville, B. Dennehy, A. Henchy and B. Martin.

Council Officials: K. Halpenny, B. McClean G. Clabby, S. Peppard and H. Visser.

Community Representatives: H. Donovan, P. O'Brien, P. Murphy, M. Deegan, M. Moynihan, F. Price, C. Sargent

Apologies: Councillors: D. Healy. Community Representatives: R. Brett

In attendance: Jackie Fowler (Staff Officer)

1. Minutes of meetings held on the 10th January 2017 and 22nd February 2017

The minutes of the both meetings which had been circulated prior to the meeting were discussed.

It was noted that the minutes for the meetings of 27th October 2016 and the 10th January 2017 should reflect that the draft minutes were brought to the meeting and had not been circulated in advance of the January and February meetings.

Councillor P. Mulville asked that Councillor D. Smith's thanks to the Group for allowing him to sit in on the meeting last month be noted.

Attention was brought to a commitment made to the provision of meeting documentation on the Council's website at the February 2017 meeting. Mr. K. Halpenny informed the meeting that this is being discussed with the Council's I.T. Department.

The Minutes of 10th January 2017 and 22nd February 2017 were AGREED.

2. Update on the preparation of the briefing document for study on Coastal Flooding

Mr. K. Halpenny informed the Group that a briefing document for the Study was currently being finalised and would be brought to the next meeting.

The Group were given a brief outline of the content/scope of the briefing document and envisaged timelines. It was noted that by the end of May the necessary tender documentation for the specifications and works involved would be complete.

It was noted that documentation gathered from each of the local areas completed questionnaires and this meeting will be used to help inform the Study.

Mr. K. Halpenny agreed to circulate a note on the Process of Procurement to the Group.

3. Update on National Audit of Coastal Flooding and Erosion

It was agreed to defer this item to later in the meeting.

4. Reports from Local Groups on Coastal Erosion and Flooding in their areas

Each of the 4 Local Groups gave a brief presentation to the meeting and these were followed by a Q & A Session.

- **North Beach Rush**

This presentation outlined the change of the Brook Stream onto the North Beach and the effect that this is having on the dunes.

It was noted that efforts to revert the stream to its previous course last year had been unsuccessful. The members asked that it be noted that there were concerns that Rush North Beach was just one storm away from a serious threat to a number of properties.

- **South Beach Rush**

There was a photo slideshow presentation made on the South Beach highlighting an issue of concern between the South Beach and Rogerstown where dunes have been washed away.

It was noted that some owners are taking matters into their own hands and annexing/reclaiming lands and that this needs to be addressed.

Incidents of flooding on the Spout Road were also noted.

Also discussed was the possibility of placing Marker Poles in affected areas and the benefit of aerial photography to aid monitoring erosion.

Mr. K. Halpenny took a copy of the photographic slideshow at this point in the meeting.

The members also discussed the Rush Wastewater Treatment Plant (WwTP) and questioned the possible outcomes should a significant flood event compromise the WwTP.

It was also noted that whilst the dunes on this side of the estuary were being eroded, some of the sands were being deposited on the other side of the estuary.

- **Burrow Beach, Portrane**

Before the presentation commenced, it was agreed that any member of the Group could submit images/documents that would help inform the future work of the Group and also to inform the Study.

Information on the TenCate Geotube systems were submitted to the meeting and it was noted that this would be further explained in the upcoming presentation. It was agreed to circulate copies of these documents to the Group.

The Group discussed an international Expo in the UK and details of this are to be forwarded to Ms. J. Fowler for circulation to all members. It was noted that there may be some benefit in attending the Expo as it was an opportunity to look at current thinking on similar situations as Fingal was experiencing 'under the one roof'.

A presentation detailing the damage caused by the recent 'Storm Doris' was made to the Group.

- **Burrow Beach, Sutton**

It was noted that copies of the questionnaire had been circulated to members of the Howth/Sutton Community Council and it was confirmed that no completed forms had been received.

A copy of the *Dublin Coastal Flooding Protection Project – Project No. 9M2793* was submitted to the meeting. It was agreed to circulate copies to the Group.

Following a verbal presentation, it was noted that there is no urgency related to this area but that there is a need for monitoring and encouragement of the Dunes.

Mr. C. Sargent agreed to submit the key points of his presentation by email.

Update on National Audit of Coastal Flooding and Erosion

Item 3 which had been deferred was taken at this point of the meeting.

Mr. H. Visser informed the meeting that a Report on the National Audit is currently being finalised and would possibly be available for the May meeting.

The Group discussed funding for projects and it was outlined as at previous meetings that projects that had suitable and robust plans behind them were most likely to succeed in funding draw down.

The Group requested that the Water Services Department of Fingal County Council be asked to provide a report on the Rush WWTP for the next meeting on the possible effects of a compromise at the plant. Mr. K. Halpenny agreed to bring this request to the Water Services Department

A member raised an issue in relation to the possibility of making an anonymous submission where issued needed to be raised but the privacy of the complainant had to be maintained. Mr. K. Halpenny informed the Group that this was possible through the questionnaire and the matter could be identified and there was no requirement to provide contact details on the form.

5. Date/Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 31st May 2017 at 4.00 p.m. in County Hall, Swords.

CHAIRPERSON

DATED