

Coastal Liaison Group

Meeting No. 13

19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 4pm

Room 3A6, County Hall, Swords

	Present	Apologies
Councillors	Adrian Henchy Paul Mulville	David Healy
Representatives	Henry Donovan Michael Moynihan Fintan Price Charles Sargent Pat O'Brien	Raymond Brett
Council Officials	AnnMarie Farrelly Kevin Halpenny Hans Visser	

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 which had been circulated prior to the meeting were AGREED. Councillor P. Mulville referred to Item No. 2 and enquired re works in Laytown. KH stated that information has been received.

2. Update on Emergency Works at Burrow Beach and long terms approach to dealing with erosion in Rogerstown Estuary.

KH made a presentation in relation the Emergency Works at Portrane and emphasised that these were only temporary interim measures and the need was now to focus on long term solutions. A discussion took place in relation to the

effects of the Seabees and the local reaction. It was stated that some locals did not like the look of them. AMF enquired if the Seabees made a difference during the recent storm? PM stated that locals were confused over the fact that this is only temporary and are also concerned over some shifting in the position. KH informed the meeting that some minor adjustments may be required re the alignment to ensure effectiveness. He also stated that signage has been ordered regarding the danger of climbing sand dunes. PM enquired if a leaflet drop would not be more effective. AMF & CS both agreed that this could be good for local schools etc. AH enquired if there was a risk of the Seabees sinking and not being visible and also what was happening beyond the Seabees? KH stated that the Seabees are doing what they should do but just need to be modified slightly. He stated that there is erosion beyond the Seabees but this is nothing to do with the placement of these Seabees as this was happening anyway. PO'B showed some photos of the Seabees during the storm and what occurred. AH also enquired if there was any risk of children falling into these Seabees as they fill with water? KH stated that RPS has been asked to investigate and that the seebees are full of stone. They are being monitored and maintenance work will take place in the Spring. PM enquired again in relation to an explanatory note. KH stated that he preferred signage but can put signage details on paper and distribute to the members for distribution to the locality.

In relation to the Rogerstown Estuary KH stated that a revised brief issued to RPS. He showed a slide that went through the process of developing the Rogerstown Outer Estuary Coastal Flood Risk Management Plan. FP commented on the dates and asked if this documentation could issue to the group. KH then explained that this proposal has to go forward to preliminary design and An Bord Pleanála, then public consultation. He also stated that ABP can take up to 6 months. AMF stated that FCC has the support of OPW and NPWS. HV stated that it was important to give a proper report as to how FCC came to their conclusions in order that they do not need to come back with any queries. KH stated that EU approval is also required and to demonstrate that this will not affect any other area and that it is in the public interest. AH enquired if there were any solutions? KH stated that these were presented to the group before and options are being assessed.

### 3. Update on Report on National Coastal Erosion Audit

KH advised the members that contact had been made with K Hayes in the CCMA and they were still awaiting a response to the report submitted. HV stated that the OPW expressed interest to participate and it may be necessary to canvas Minister E Murphy.

#### 4. Update on Fingal Coastal Monitoring programme

KH referred to Councillor Healy's request to raise the issue of the requirement in the Fingal County Development Plan for a Fingal Coastal Monitoring Programme. He stated that nowhere in the country is there an established Coastal Monitoring Programme sponsored by the local authority. It will be necessary to engage with the relevant stakeholders. HV stated that FCC could be a test case and it would be necessary to find out what to monitor, reports etc. FP stated that FCC more restrained because of designation. KH said it would be necessary to ensure that the monitoring programme would not ??? . This has been set up in the UK. A discussion took place in relation to the use of a drone to mark changes and also local information would be vital. CS requested to read an email received from Cllr Healy which was read.

HV stated that these would be questions that would be put to the OPW. FP enquired if it was possible to gain any information from older groups in the fishing industry. HV stated that old photos etc would be more for FCC than the Monitoring Group.

KH stated that 9 tenders have been received for Brook end former Landfill – end January 2019. Further work on Rogerstown Estuary – next meeting March – Erosion & Flood Risk Assessment 11/3  
FP enquired what has been done at present. KH stated baseline monitoring and modelling has been carried out.

A further discussion took place in relation to the Seabees and PM asked if the group could be notified of any works that may be carried out and also if any update is received from RPS, if the group can be updated prior to the next meeting. MM enquired if there is a major storm and movement occurs will works be carried out to rectify this. He also stated that operations are removing debris and if we could ensure where they have made an opening, can this be closed off on completion of works. KH stated that he will speak to Operations to make sure this is made secure. AH mentioned photos that he had sent in regarding sewage etc., and also enquired if RPS is monitoring the situation. KH stated that he had received these and it shows erosion is still taking place but Seabees will slow this down. AMF stated that RPS are monitoring the situation and will recommend ongoing effectiveness. PO'B asked how do they propose to modify. KH stated that with the use of a machine the Seabees can be repositioned, slightly different alignment to ensure effectiveness.

5. Date of next meeting.

The date was set for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in Room 3A6 County Hall Swords.