

Coastal Liaison Group

Meeting No. 7

8th November 2017

Room 3A6, County Hall

Minutes

Representatives Councillors	Present B. Dennehy A Henchy B. Martin	Apologies P. Mulville
Representatives Community	H. Donovan R. Brett M. Deegan C. Sargent	F. Price P. O'Brien
Council Officials	K. Halpenny	H, Visser S. Peppard J. Mahon G. Clabby

Mr. K. Halpenny noted apologies from members.

1. Minutes of Meeting held 30th August 2017.

The minutes of the meeting which had been circulated prior to the meeting were proposed by Charles Sargent, seconded by Councillor Barry Martin and AGREED.

2. Update Report on National Coastal Erosion Audit.

Kevin Halpenny introduced Item No. 2 and stated that the Audit was not available as Fingal County Council had issues with the draft as they felt the Council was not adequately represented.

Following on from this a discussion took place between the group and it was AGREED that Kevin would circulate the Audit by email and also place it on the web as soon as it was available.

3. Discussion on Draft of Brief for Study on Coastal Flooding

Kevin Halpenny introduced Item No. 3 and produced the final brief document which was commissioned and prepared for Fingal County Council. He stated that as this was quite a large document, how would the members prefer to receive it, i.e. hard copy, email etc. It was AGREED that this document would be emailed to all members of the group.

A detailed discussion took place in relation to the document and as to when consultants would be engaged. Kevin explained that a process of procurement had to be followed. The next step would be to put this to tender and he was confident that submissions would be received. It was stated that once the tendering process was complete and a successful consultant appointed, an assessment and works programme could be drawn up. The period of time was again discussed and Kevin explained that the Council is bound by the procurement process. He also stated that in order to receive funding from the OPW this had to be carried out in the proper manner.

Michael Deegan asked if North Beach was included in the brief. Kevin informed the members that the brief included areas of interest in the locality. Members were not satisfied in relation to North Beach and it was AGREED that Kevin would email a map of the area to all members and that Mr. Deegan should liaise with him directly on receipt if he had any issues.

4. AOB

Charles Sargent enquired if there had been any further development from the last meeting in relation to the subject to Sandsavers. Kevin informed the members that Hans Visser was dealing with this matter.

Councillor Dennehy enquired if the problem of pollution would be taken into account by the Consultants engaged. Kevin informed him that the brief is mainly to deal with flooding and Coastal Management Plan is necessary but this is not within the function of the Local Authority.

Councillor Martin enquired about funding. Kevin stated that there was some funding in the Capital Programme and also in order to use funding from the OPW the process of procurement needs to be followed.

Raymond Brett asked if it was possible to lay down coloured sand to monitor erosion. Kevin stated that an overall coastal monitoring project would be desirable.

5. Date/Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 24th January 2018 at 4.00pm in County Hall, Swords.