

Coastal Liaison Group

Meeting No. 1

27th October 2016

Room 3a6, County Hall

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Agree Terms of Reference for Fingal Coastal Liaison Group
- Standing Orders for Group
- Recruitment of members from Local Communities
- Briefing on National Audit/Overview of policies and policy objectives in each county
- Date/Time of Next Meeting

Coastal Liaison Group

Meeting No. 1

27th October 2016

Room 3a6, County Hall

Minutes

Present: Councillors: P. Mulville, B. Dennehy, Council Officials: K. Halpenny, G. Clabby, H. Visser, B. McClean, S. Peppard

Apologies: Councillors: B. Martin, A. Henchy

In attendance: Jackie Fowler (A/Staff Officer)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Mr. K. Halpenny welcomed the members and gave a presentation (see Appendix 1) detailing the reasoning behind the establishment of this group.

2. Agree Terms of Reference for Fingal Coastal Liaison Group

A draft Terms of Reference were circulated and following discussion were AGREED.

3. Standing Orders for Group

A draft Standing Orders and Ground Rules document was circulated and following discussion the following amendments were AGREED.

Standing Orders

- It was agreed that there will be 4 meetings per year (September, November, January and March) and these will take place at 4.00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in question and will be for 1 ½ hours in duration. The meetings will take place in County Hall, Swords.
- Mr. K. Halpenny will Chair the meetings.
- An alternate Chair will be agreed at the meeting in the event the Chair cannot attend.

- The Quorum for a meeting will be 6 members. There will be 16 members consisting of 5 Councillors, 5 Council Officials and 6 Community Representatives (with 2 from Portrane, 1 each from the North and South Strands, Rush and 2 for the Burrow, Sutton).
- Community representatives will report back to their parent group.
- A notice indicating the closing date for submissions of items for the Agenda will issue 14 working days in advance of the meeting.
- Any items for inclusion on the meeting Agenda must reach the Chair/Administrator 8 working days prior to the meeting.
- The Agenda will be circulated 5 working days before the next meeting.
- Only Agenda Items will be discussed at meetings.
- A bulleted Report will be issued following each meeting for information purposes.

Ground Rules

The Ground Rules were AGREED.

4. Recruitment of members from Local Communities

Following discussion on the recruitment of members from Local Communities to the Group, it was AGREED that:

- Councillor B. Dennehy will provide the contact name for Rush Community Council in order to formally write to the Council seeking 2 nominees for the North and South Strands, Rush.
- Mr. H. Visser will provide the names of 2 nominees for the Burrow, Portrane. The 2 nominees will be written to formally request them to join the Group.
- Mr. S. Peppard will provide the contact name for Howth/Sutton Community Council in order to formally write to the Council seeking 2 nominees for Claremont Strand, Sutton.

5. Briefing on National Audit/Overview of policies and policy objectives in each county

It was noted that there is no National Policy in relation to Coastal Erosion and flooding issues and it is hoped that there will be one.

The National Audit was carried out by the Climate Change Committee of the County & City Manager's Association. It analysed the Development Plans of each County that had a coastline to look at the measures they had in place to address coastal erosion.

Mr. H. Visser is to check if the report from the Audit or a document of the key findings is available for the next meeting of the Group.

A second more detailed Audit is to be carried out and consultants are being engaged. This Audit will identify the scale of the problem, preventative measures in place, the consequences of these and any other current interventions used, what works/doesn't work, current spending and the rationale for it.

A report on policies in other countries will also be brought to the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 4.30 p.m.

6. Date/Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 10th January 2017 at 4.00 p.m. in County Hall, Swords.

CHAIRPERSON

DATED



Establishment of Fingal Coastal Liaison Group

Reasons for Establishment of the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group

Response to ongoing concerns in relation to Coastal Erosion/Coastal Flooding in Fingal.

Need for Coherent Structured Response to these concerns and improved communication between relevant stakeholders.

To provide a forum for discussion of approaches to planning for and dealing with the problems of Coastal Erosion/Flooding .

Proposed Membership of Liaison Group

County Councillors (4)

- 2 Councillors each elected from the Swords/Balbriggan & Howth/Malahide Areas

Residents Group Representatives (6)

- 2 Local Residents from each of the affected areas i.e. Portrane (The Burrow), Sutton (Claremont Strand) and Rush (South Strand).

Council Officials (6)

- **Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept:**
- Senior Parks Superintendent, Heritage Officer, Biodiversity Officer, Administrative Officer
- **Operations Department:**
- SEO and/or Senior Executive Engineer from each of the affected areas.

Draft Terms of Reference for Fingal Coastal Liaison Group March 2016

To discuss and as far as possible address any matters of concern to the communities living in Rush, Portrane and Sutton in relation to coastal erosion and coastal flooding in these areas.

To review and make recommendations in relation to the management of coastal erosion and coastal flooding in Fingal.

To facilitate broader community participation in coastal, and natural resource management through informing and liaising with member community groups.

To foster opportunities for joint projects, information sharing and grant funding to address issues of concern in relation to coastal management.

Draft Terms of Reference for Fingal Coastal Liaison Group continued.

To provide best practice advice in accordance with the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan and other relevant policy documents in the context of integrated planning and management of the Fingal coastline.

To incorporate the latest knowledge on climate change into coastal planning to assist the Council with the integration of adaptation strategies into planning policies.

To review scientific advice and integrate this knowledge into the preparation and review of coastal management plans.