

## Notes on Coastal User Group Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013

### **Foreshore Trust Items**

Car Park Information Signs. Problem with cars going to Rock-a-Nore car park, finding it full, and then having difficulty in getting back on to sea front. Electronic signs to show parking spaces in Rock-a-Nore, Pelham Place, Priory Street, Priory Meadow and Carlisle Parade car parks, to be funded by HBC, Foreshore Trust and Priory Meadow. (Papers attached)

White Rock Baths. Robert Opie said it was hoped to start work on the Pier in June. Hastings Pier Charity requires a community showroom to act as an access point during the reconstruction of the pier. The Charity Committee had agreed for the erection of a single story prefabricated building on the promenade, but HPC would now like to relocate into White Rock Baths using the promenade level of the building. Separate access would allow additional use of other parts of the premises. It was agreed to go ahead with this. (Papers attached)

### **HOTRA suggested amendments to Foreshore Trust Business Plan**

#### Page 12 Income

Will do as suggested as is normal business practice.

#### Page 13 White Rock Baths

Superseded by the above

#### Page 14 Disabled Parking

is being considered case by case. Will take forward to Foreshore Trust.

#### Leisure para 38

Chalets on Pelham Beach – no, would be planning issues, legal issues, community issues, in restricting views and access to the beach.

Sand – possibly.

New promenade – will keep proposal on the agenda, but probably not viable to do.

There is the boat club there. How safe would it be with cycles? Cost prohibitive against any benefits.

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Market on the Stade – a weekly market is under an eight week trial.

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Retail outlets, this was left vague because the whole idea is vague at this stage. Are consulting Foreshore Trust legal advisors. Look to update when have somethingt more concrete,

Page 19 para 62.

Coastal Users Group won't be consulted because this is not the way the Foreshore Trust works. It is the Grants Panel that will be consulted.

Page 20 EU Bathing Water Standards

Responsibility for bathing lies with the Council, Environment Agency Southern Water, not the Foreshore Trust.

Will take comments forward to Foreshore Trust meeting. Because of timing won't be the next one but the one after that. The business plan can be adjusted at any time.

**Coastal Items**

The meeting was addressed by Jamie Benton of the Environment Agency. Admitted that at present Hastings would not meet the new EU standards. The aim is to get Hastings up to standard by 2015. Currently investigating the problem of the houses that have been incorrectly plumbed, also the infrastructure of the pumping stations and the integrity of the foul sewer. Southern Water are to update all the pumps within the next twelve months. Public needs educating about what can be put down drains. Hastings Voluntary Action to raise awareness, ditto Rother Voluntary Action, also DIY stores. Also working with Southern Water on backup plan, but extending outfall pipe would be very expensive and would effect water bills.

Zoning. Have started standardising signs along the seafront to the national standard.

Consultation on look of seafront just beginning.

Suggestion that trails for visitors should be developed – Tressell, blue plaques, famous women, architecture.\_