

NOTES of Hastings & St. Leonards Coastal Users' Group Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September @ 1800hrs.

Present:

Kevin Boorman, HBC Head of Marketing and Communications
Christine Boulton-Lane, West of Haven Beach Users Association
Jill Bradley, HOTRA
Alan Care, Hastings and Rother Disability Forum
Virginia Gilbert, HBC Head of Amenities, Resorts & Leisure Services
Cllr Mike Howard, HBC (West St Leonards Ward)
Andre Palfrey-Martin, Nautical Heritage Assoc/Gensing & Central St. Leo Forum
Cllr. Dawn Poole, HBC (Old Hastings Ward)
Chris Richards, Hastings Adventure Golf
Anne Scott, OHPS
Jacqui Stanford, Shipwreck Museum
Councillor Emily Westley, HBC (Chair)
Amy Terry – HBC Estates (part)
R Richardson – Hastings Lifeguards
Cliff Meaden – Hastings Windsurfing
Steve Manwaring – HVA
Yasmin Ormsby – Stade Partnership
Tim Gower - Hub
Brendon Mcdonagh – Hastings & St Leonards Tourism Association
Alan Care – Hastings & Rother Disability Forum
Gary Brunsdon – HBC

APOLOGIES

Paul Joy – Hastings Fishing Fleet
Nick Sangster - HBC
Di Cooke, Hastings Lifeguards/Hastings Motor Boat & Yacht Club
Richard Homewood, HBC Director of Environmental Services
Cllr Dawn Poole
Cllr Trevor Webb
Steve Peak – Friends of Hastings Country Park
Simon Opie – Hastings Pier Trust
Lee Whitear – Sea Cadets

2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date agreed – Next meeting to be the AGM – 12 Nov 2013.

3. COASTAL ITEMS UPDATE

3.1 Clean Seas Please

Steve Manwaring gave a presentation on this community initiative. The campaign's chief aim is to ensure that locally we have high quality bathing water. Steve stressed that people nationally are largely unaware of the implications of their own behaviour and the resulting implication re water quality. Presentation to be circulated.

Action: Steve Manwaring

3.2 Bathing Water Quality

Virginia Gilbert outlined that Hastings Beach is the beach locally most at risk in terms of failing to meet shortly to be introduced EU regulations. There has not been any deterioration in water quality; the standard has effectively doubled. Southern Water, the Environment Agency and the Borough Council have been and must continue to work together to isolate and contain sources of contamination.

3.3 Sites for Commercial and Leisure Users

Virginia updated the group re the work HBC legal are undertaking to clarify what commercial activities are permissible within the current Hastings Act. Further updates to be heard at next meeting. **Action: Nick Sangster.**

4. FORESHORE TRUST ITEMS

4.1 Seafront Play and Exercise Equipment

VG précised the report that is shortly to go to the Charity Committee. Cllr Emily Westley mentioned an ongoing consultation that is being carried out by Laura and her play development team. Members of the group

requested that additional provision needs to be made available for older children. I.e. the 10 to 14 year old age group. The group supported the report, which will now proceed to the Charity Committee.

4.2 Credit Card Payments for Parking

VG clarified that the introduction of pay machines that allow credit card payments was a short term solution to the difficulties of parking payment. The wider group expressed a desire to have a pay on exit solution made available as soon as possible. VG commented that this was a very expensive option. The group supported the report, which will now proceed to the Charity Committee.

4.3 Disabled Parking Provision in Stade Area

It was noted that six new disabled spaces have been identified and will be shortly available subject to successfully negotiating ESCC traffic orders etc.

4.4 Hastings & St. Leonards Angling Club Lease

(Item was heard earlier in the meeting) Amy Terry outlined Peter Grace's paper prepared for the forthcoming Charity Committee and stressed that the rent review was undertaken by an external consultant, (a requirement of the Hastings Act). The group acknowledged that the report will proceed to the Charity Committee. Concern was expressed that, in the matter of leases, the group were not in a position to express support or opposition since the tenant had an automatic right to a renewal lease and the terms of that lease were not shared with the Coastal User Group. VG said she would investigate whether future leases should come to the group 'for information and comment' rather than asking for the group's support.

5. MEMBERS UPDATES / AOB

Beach Zoning – Progress of this group to be clarified and the group updated at the next meeting. **Action: Virginia Gilbert**

Seafront Economy – Chris Richards reported back re a very busy and successful season for his foreshore enterprises.

Old Town summer season – Members reported that Old Town week and all other initiatives had been well attended and positively received.

6. NOTES OF LAST MEETING 17 June 2013)

The Group agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the CUG meeting held on 17 June 2013. No additional comments were made.

7. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2013 / 2014

Tuesday 12th November 2013

Tuesday 4th March 2014

All at 6pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Queens Road, Hastings.

8. NEXT MEETING (AGM)

Tuesday, 12th November 2013, 6pm Town Hall, Hastings.

Meeting Closed: 19.50hrs

Distribution:

Hastings & St Leonards Coastal Users' Group
Charity Committee

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Approved Chair 19.09.13