

**Extract of Foreshore Trust Items from
NOTES of Hastings & St. Leonards Coastal Users' Group
AGM Meeting held on
Tuesday, 12th November 2013 @ 1800hrs.**

Present:

Laurence Bell, White Rock & America Ground Business Group
Kevin Boorman, HBC Head of Marketing & Communications
Christine Boulton-Lane, West of Haven Beach Users Association
Jill Bradley, HOTRA
Alan Care, Hastings and Rother Disability Forum
Di Cooke, Hastings Lifeguards
Jennifer Elliott, East Hastings Angling Association
Virginia Gilbert, HBC Head of Amenities, Resorts & Leisure Services
Tim Godwin, HUB
Cllr Mike Howard, HBC (West St Leonards Ward)
Simon Hubbard, HBC Director of Regeneration
Cherry Longley, HBC
Yasmin Ornsby, Stade Partnership
Andre Palfrey-Martin, Nautical Heritage Assoc/Gensing & Central St. Leo Forum
Steve Peak, Friends of Hastings Country Park
Chris Richards, Hastings Adventure Golf
Keith Sadler, Hastings Pier Charity
Nick Sangster, HBC Resort Services Manager
Anne Scott, Old Hastings Preservation Society (*part left 1907hrs*)
Cllr Trevor Webb, HBC (Central St. Leonards Ward)
Councillor Emily Westley, HBC (Chair)

1. APOLOGIES

Fiona Bell, Sussex Coast College
Alison Brennan-Wright, Hastings Sea Cadets
Paul Carter, East Hastings Angling Association
Richard Homewood, HBC Director of Environmental Services
Simon Opie, Hastings Pier Trust
Jan Sellers, Hastings Fishermen's Museum

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Chair and Vice Chair were selected by nomination and agreed by a show of hands. The Chair and Vice Chair positions will be held by Cllr. Emily Westley and Paul Carter respectively for a further year.

Cllr. EW's nomination was proposed by Cllr. MH and seconded by Cllr. TW.
PC's nomination was proposed by YO and seconded by Cllr. TW.

4. FORESHORE TRUST ITEMS

4.1 Commercial Sites on Foreshore Trust Land

This updated report previously presented to a CUG meeting, lists proposals regarding commercial activities on Foreshore Trust and HBC land in response to a large number of proposal enquiries.

NS commented on each of the 18 No. sites listed. Additional comments as follows:

- Site 1 Any proposal would be subject to a 12 month agreement.
- Site 2 Land is on grassed area south of existing kiosks and within the Adventure Golf lease. The Group expressed its concern regarding any development at this location preferring the area to remain an open physical and visual access to the beach.
- Site 3 A general concern was raised about a proliferation of kiosks because, out of season, their appearance deteriorates considerably. CR questioned whether enough demand exists.
- Site 4 HBC is currently investigating whether it can operate the facilities for the FST and the appropriateness of doing that.
- Site 9 Date to be amended to read '2014'.
- Site 7 On hold until next year pending outcome of discussions with ESCC regarding the creation of parking spaces which will be critical to the viability of any Bottle Alley development scheme.
- Site 11 Noted that the beach decking will not be built on the beach. Potentially this will be opposite the beach office and incorporated into the top of the concrete groyne.
- Site 14 A query arose regarding conflicting advice of the terms of the FST and the Hastings Act and the FST being able to operate a commercial activity itself. Agreed that legal clarification will be sought and reported to the next meeting. **Action NS/Christine Barkshire-Jones**
- Site 19 Bathing Poll to be amended to read Bathing Pool.

Noted that HBC will require information regarding experience, suitable insurance etc. for any proposal/sport requiring training (e.g. kayaking).

This Group supported the proposals with the exception of Site 2 – which the Group feels should be removed and voted thus:

- To remove site 2 from the listing - 10 votes
- To retain site 2 on the listing – 1 vote
- Abstentions – 4 votes.

**The report to go forward to Charity Committee meeting 9th December.
Action VG/NS**

4.2 White Rock Baths – Update

The Community Hub work is on schedule and Hastings Pier Charity should be able to access it pre Christmas.

The under-promenade level of the building has been subject of three proposals. One short-term art installation has been discussed but will not be

taken forward. Another, by Picturehouse, a film production/distribution company, also will not proceed as the company would require to change the building considerably. However HBC is seeking to develop its general relationship with that company.

A third proposal from The Source BMX (a local business proposing a skateboarding and BMX facility) is considered to be viable. The company has undertaken substantial work to prepare its case. Work will need to be carried out to the building and to that end a feasibility study on the appropriateness of this has been commissioned for completion by mid December. A report will be forwarded to CUG and the Charity Committee at that time on whether the proposal be recommended to proceed or not.

The Group welcomed and supported the plans as outlined above.

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