

# **Extract of Foreshore Trust Items from**

## **NOTES of**

### **Hastings & St. Leonards Coastal Users' Group**

**Meeting held on Tuesday, 11th March 2014 @ 1800hrs.**

#### **Present:**

Catherine Parr, White Rock & America Ground Business Group  
Kevin Boorman, HBC Head of Marketing & Communications  
Christine Boulton-Lane, West of Haven Beach Users Association  
Matt Brooks, 1066 Boardriders  
Di Cooke, Hastings Lifeguards  
Stephen Dodson, Hastings FLAG  
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)  
Cherry Longley, HBC  
Cliff Meaden, Hastings Windsurfing  
Simon Opie, Hastings Pier Charity  
Yasmin Ornsby, Stade Partnership  
Steve Peak, Friends of Hastings Country Park  
Councillor Dawn Poole, HBC  
Nick Sangster, HBC Resort Services Manager  
Anne Scott, Old Hastings Preservation Society  
Councillor Emily Westley, HBC (Chair)

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Laurence Bell, White Rock & America Ground Business Group  
Alan Care, Hastings and Rother Disability Forum  
Paul Carter, East Hastings Angling Association  
David Hartley, Hastings Adventure Golf  
Nick Fawcett, 1066 Boardriders  
Andre Palfrey-Martin, Nautical Heritage Assoc/Gensing & Central St. Leo Forum  
Chris Richards, Hastings Adventure Golf  
Jacqui Stanford, Shipwreck Museum  
Jill Bradley, HOTRA

#### **3. FORESHORE TRUST ITEMS**

##### **3.1 FLAG Projects Update**

Stephen Dodson, HFLAG Animator, presented his report which sets out background to the successful bid, provides detail of the various projects and updates the group on project progress which, over the next 18 months, will realise a fair amount of activity.

SD commented on some of the main key projects.

- The Classroom on the Coast is on target for completion 1st April this year. A Development Officer has just been appointed.
- SD/NS are working with Shearburn Caravan Site on the Eco-Stade project.
- SP queried which boats are included in the Boat Conservation & Training Skills project – agreed that SD will confirm. **Action SD**

**The Group & Chair welcomed the update and thanked SD for his comprehensive report.**

**Agreed that SD will provide a future update for CUG (September). Action CML/SD**

### **3.2 Cycle Hire, Pelham Beach**

This is linked to the FLAG Eco-Stade Project. The project includes £7k approx. of approved costs to establish cycle hire provision for Hastings and St Leonards promenade. HBC will trial a cycle hire service at Pelham Beach this summer (managed through HBC Lifeguard service). Hire charges have been set at the low end of the range of prices charged elsewhere. Income will cover the project costs (i.e. not profit making) which is designed to enable persons to explore the seafront areas. The funding will cover the purchase of cycles (20 adult/5 child), helmets, stands, racks, other ancillary equipment and a kiosk. HBC/HUB have worked together to enable bike servicing/repairs, provide work placements/work experience and will explore funding opportunities for purchase of accessible bikes/electric bikes in due course. It is hoped that this project will be operational by May this year.

A query arose regarding the location of the business in an already busy area. NS explained that Pelham Beach is considered as central to Hastings for this type of business and also next to a car park. The business itself will encourage exploration of both Hastings & St. Leonards.

**The Group welcomed and supported the plans as outlined above.**

### **3.3 Seafront Byelaws**

NS presented the report regarding the proposed review and replacement of a number of old existing seafront byelaws with model byelaws adapted to Hastings needs. Recommendations have been made by the Zoning Working Group (a sub group of CUG) and include general coastal leisure activities as listed in the proposed model byelaws, which should be more readily comprehensible.

Queries were raised as regards deletion of litter/noise nuisance byelaws. NS explained that these offences are covered under other national legislation in any event but are also included within the general wording in some of the model byelaws i.e. 'nuisance and annoyance'. NS advised that as yet greater detail to the proposals has not been included. HUB queried the prohibition of cycling except for designated routes/areas and would wish to see sensible cycling promoted anywhere along the promenade areas. Cllr. EW commented that due consideration will be afforded to all comments resulting from the consultation exercises.

Next steps will see HBC Legal input to produce the proposed set of byelaws following which there will be an extensive informal consultation. A draft will be brought back to this Group. Formal consultation will take approx. 3 months and feedback forwarded to the Home Office. Formal adoption should take approx. one year.

**Agreed that a draft to be brought back to a future meeting of this Group.  
Action NS**

**The Group supported Recommendations 1 and 2 of the report.**

**The report to go forward to Charity Committee meeting 30th June.  
Action VG/NS**

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