

**NOTES OF  
Hastings & St. Leonards Coastal Users' Group  
Held on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 @ 1800hrs  
East Hastings Sea Angling Association, The Stade, Hastings**

**Present:**

Paul Carter (Chair) – East Hastings Sea Angling Association  
Cllr Dawn Poole – HBC (Old Hastings Ward)  
Cllr James Bacon – HBC (Old Hastings Ward)  
Laurence Bell – White Rock Business Group  
Kevin Boorman – Hastings Borough Council  
Christine Boulton-Lane – West of Haven Beach Users Association  
Scott Coughlan – HBC  
Alan Care – Hastings and Rother Disability Forum  
Di Cooke – Hastings Lifeguards  
Dick Edwards – Hastings Old Town Residents Association  
Yasmin Ornsby – Stade Partnership  
Cliff Meaden – Epic Life  
Allison Pascual – Hastings Borough Council  
Steve Peak – Friends of Hastings Country Park  
Cllr Trevor Webb – HBC (Central St Leonards Ward)  
Clive Wormald – Hastings Pier Charity

**1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES**

**Apologies have been received from:**

Cllr Colin Fitzgerald – HBC (Charity Committee Chair)  
Cllr Mike Howard – HBC (West St Leonards Ward)  
Cllr Judy Rogers – HBC (Castle Ward)  
Tim Godwin – Hastings Urban Bikes  
Paul Joy – Hastings Fishermen's Protection Society  
Andre Palfrey-Martin – Save Our Heritage Group  
Nick Sangster – Hastings Borough Council  
Anne Scott – Old Hastings Preservation Society  
Jacqui Stanford – Shipwreck Heritage Museum

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

One nomination to continue with the joint charring arrangement (Paul Carter and Cllr Dawn Poole) was received and seconded prior to the meeting. This was agreed by the meeting.

### 3. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

#### a) Regular meeting (6<sup>th</sup> September)

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

##### **Matters arising:**

- Stade Amusements lease – the list of works will be re-circulated with the notes of this meeting. **Action: Allison**
- Evac chair issue to be followed up. **Action: Paul**
- Dream seas application – unfortunately was unsuccessful although the application made it into the last 20. Some organisations are still carrying out similar work, including Epic Life, even though the training is not being funded.
- Thanks were extended to the the teams at HBC for their efforts and continuing work on bringing funding into the area.

#### b) Special meeting (18<sup>th</sup> October)

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

### 4. STREET CLEANING CONTRACT

- Scott Coughlan, HBC's Waste, Parking and Streetscene Services Manager attended the meeting to talk about issues with bin collections and general cleanliness along the seafront.
- Scott joined HBC in January this year. Since joining, challenges were experienced and some issues were resolved. Areas where improvements can be made have been identified, including beach and street cleaning, bin collections along the promenade and improving public conveniences where necessary.
- It has to be recognised that different seasons have different needs and in order to be able to ease pressure at peak times, the necessary measures will be put into place, including the possibility of re-shuffling services, redeployment of the Warden Services as necessary, setting up a more thorough summer season rota for delivering services and bringing in more staff if required.
- A new communications campaign will soon be carried out in order to raise awareness, targeting mainly the teenage population. Unfortunately there is no longer the resource available to carry out a full project to raise public awareness of the issues but Scott is looking to deal with any issues as quickly as possible and will be working with the media and other sources.
- A number of issues were raised at the meeting, including footpaths not being cleaned, rubbish being created by summer coach parties, problems with bin collections along the seafront and catches needing fixing on bins along the seafront.

- The MyHastings platform can be used to report issues and be accessed at: <https://my.hastings.gov.uk/> Using this is helpful as it can help develop a map and assists towards taking a targeted approach.
- The meeting thanked Scott for attending. He can be contacted at [Scoughlan@hastings.gov.uk](mailto:Scoughlan@hastings.gov.uk) and will ensure that any issues raised by this group will get dealt with in a timely manner.

## 5. COASTAL ITEMS UPDATE

### Bottle Alley

- A lighting demonstration will be taking place at 8pm on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. CUG members are welcome to attend.
- Once the demo has taken place, a specification will be developed. CUG will be kept up to date with progress.

### Coast Protection Works

- Works started three weeks ago and are due to be completed on 16<sup>th</sup> December. The third rock delivery arrived this week.
- Delivery of the rock for the work to be carried out on the Harbour Arm will not be until next May.

### FLAG 2

- The bid was submitted and was successful.
- Discussions are taking place with the Marine Maritime Organisations and the grant offer letter will soon be signed.
- FLAG Board on 8<sup>th</sup> December – CUG members asked for re-confirmation to be sent. **Action: Allison**
- Community Led Local Development – bid results are expected later this week.

### White Rock water feature

- This will be part of the Coastal Communities Fund 4 application, the deadline for submission is on Monday. If the bid is successful, work will commence next year.

## 6. FORESHORE TRUST ITEMS

### Charity Committee Minutes

- The minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> September were noted.
- Dick asked about the questions raised at AGM and whether these were documented. This will be raised with the Committee Administrator. **Action: Allison**

### Additional chalets

- Report going to 12<sup>th</sup> December Charity Committee seeking support for the provision of 12 beach chalets in the White Rock area. This will be circulated once published. **Action: Allison**

## Review of Lifeguard Service

- Discussions are ongoing with RNLI and a progress update will be provided to this group.

## Seafront Waterplay

- A report is going forward to the next meeting of the Charity Committee to seek in principle approval of a proposed water play facility.
- The report will be circulated once it has been published.

## 7. MEMBER UPDATES / ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Coastal Communities Team (CCT) Membership – Kevin explained the need to reform the CCT and that representation is being sought from CUG. Hastings CCT was initially established to cover the White Rock area. Government policy has now changed and there is a need to review the membership of the Hastings CCT. The CCT would oversee the bidding for, administering and ensuring distribution of the CCF funding. Kevin clarified that quarterly meetings will be held and input will be sought from members on the Coastal Communities Fund round 5 bid next year. The area covered by the CCT is the seafront and all adjacent roads. Christine agreed to be involved. Yasmin agreed to discuss this with Paul. Other interested CUG members were asked to get in touch with Allison. **Action: ALL**
- Net shops environment – site visit between Cllrs Bacon and Poole, Steve Peak and Nick Sangster took place 1<sup>st</sup> November. They also discussed preserving/cleaning the area. It had been suggested this could be included under the FLAG project. An update will be sought. **Action: Allison**
- St Leonards Pier – there is currently no indication of where the pier was and a proper information board, similar to that from Bottle Alley is required. Steve would be happy to supply any photos if needed. It was suggested that a bid should be put forward, once the appropriate fund becomes available. Steve is holding a book launch and signing on 17<sup>th</sup> December at Hastings Pier. His book was highly commended by Kevin.
- Rock-a-Nore car park – Paul raised the fact that there are problems with change not being issued. Kevin explained that card machines are not available and that 'pay on exit' had been put forward as an option but tend to cause lots of problems and would be unreliable for a car park of its size.
- Gate at car park near fishmarket – was about to be installed but didn't go ahead for some reason. Alan asked for an update. **Action: Allison**
- Caves at Rock-a-Nore – issue with the fence being removed recently was raised and the problems it is causing. Information will be sought from HBC's Homelessness team. **Action: Kevin**
- Hooks and fishing equipment – Cliff raised the issue of equipment being left behind and causing problems and has to be cleaned up regularly. The importance of raising awareness of the dangers was discussed.
- Storytelling Festival – over 1000 children attended at The Stade and 500 attended the parade around the town and the day was very successful.
- Plant pots along the seafront – an update as to whether they were going to be stored as asked for. **Action: Allison**

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

6pm, Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, Aquila House

Meeting closed: 1922 hours

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