

Cuckmere Pathfinder Project Board

Meeting Minutes

31st March 2011

Location: Turkey Barn, Seven Sisters Country Park

Present: Andy Robertson, - **AR**
Richard Mann, - **RM**
Carolyn McCourt, - **CM**
Chris Wick, - **CW**
Tony Whitbread, - **TW**
Michael Ann, - **MA**
Tezel Bahcheli - **TB**

Apologies: Alan Edgar, - **AE**
Councillor Jon Freeman, - **CJF**
Jane Cecil - **JC**

In Attendance: Jo O'Driscoll - **JD**
Adrian Davies - **AD**

	Agenda point	Action
1.	Apologies Apologies were made for TAE, CJF and JC. AR gave the PB an update on AD leaving ESCC, praised the work that he had done for the project and wished him well.	
2.	Minutes of the previous Project Board meeting AR noted that he hadn't heard back from Chris McMullan of Natural England, further to the invitation to join the Board, and confirmed that the National Park Authority is up to speed on the project and that Project Officers are engaging with the NPA. The minutes from the Project Board meeting on 31 st January were accepted as a true & accurate account of the meeting. AR apologised for having to cancel the Board meeting scheduled for early March, due to an urgent and unavoidable commitment.	AR

3.	<p>Update on modelling work and phase 2 studies</p> <p>AD briefly explained the output of the technical modelling work carried out by Capita Symonds, and how this was used in the phase 2 studies. AR explained that Andy Arnold (AA) of ESCC would be the main contact for questions and comments on these reports.</p>	
4.	<p>Engagement event – 5th April</p> <p>JD ran through the programme and explained the purpose of the event, which is to disseminate information on what might happen in the estuary under the 7 different options.</p> <p>RM stated that the event needed very careful facilitation, and everyone needs to be clear as to the exact purpose of the event.</p> <p>JD suggested that Board members distribute themselves amongst discussion groups.</p> <p>AR confirmed that the facilitators and presenters will be carefully briefed.</p> <p>The Board discussed the idea of distributing a summary pack of all the reports at the event.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>JD</p>
5.	<p>Engagement workshop – 12th April</p> <p>AR outlined the process developed by HVM for agreeing the assessment criteria. The final list of criteria will be agreed at the beginning of the workshop.</p> <p>TW raised concern about the complexity of the appraisal process, and noted the need to acknowledge any interdependencies between the criteria that are agreed</p> <p>AR explained that the workshop is a trial run for the main event on 7th June, which would mean that we would have enough time to re-evaluate the appraisal process if necessary</p>	
6.	<p>Engagement event – 7th June</p> <p><u>Venue</u></p> <p>AR outlined the choice of venues identified to date and the factors that need to be considered when choosing a venue.</p> <p>CM volunteered to speak to Seaford Head Community College to see whether it could be a venue. It was agreed that this could include exploring whether pupils could also be engaged in the process.</p> <p>Other venues that the Board asked to be looked at: Eastbourne Town Hall and Michelham Priory.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>AA</p>

	<p>Decision making:</p> <p>The Board agreed that it's essential for the relevant decision-making bodies to be present.</p> <p>AR explained that the process o the 7th June would be a combination of process, to appraise the options, and decision-making, as to the preferred option.</p>	AA
7.	<p>Future meeting dates</p> <p>10am on 11th May</p> <p>2pm on 22nd June (Turkey Barn)</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
8.	<p>AOB</p> <p>MA and CM asked that the following queries be looked at by the County Archaeologist, and amend the Heritage Asset Plan if necessary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Cable Hut needs to be referred to as a 'fishing hut' and not a 'holiday home'. 2. the Lower Cottage may have been the 1st cottage to be built. <p>RM noted the difficulty in engaging people with lots of experience and knowledge of the issues alongside those with less experience and knowledge. The Board acknowledged the need to manage this carefully at engagement events.</p> <p>TB asked why customers at the Golden Galleon were not interviewed as part of the phase 1 economics study. JD explained that the Market Research Society's code of ethics precludes surveying those drinking alcohol.</p> <p>The Board supported CM's suggestion of a sculpture at the Cuckmere, subject to planning and other requirements.</p>	<p>AA</p> <p>CM</p>