



Swanage Coastal Change Forum Steering Group

Date: 16th March 2016

Time: 10am-12pm

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage

AGENDA

Present: Malcolm Turnbull (Chair), Neil Watson, Mike Hadley, Tom Oliver, Bob Foster, Laurence Gloyn-Cox, Martin Ayres, Mike Goater, Dave Picksley; Mike Hadley
Maxine Chavers; Tony flux Nick reed; Richard Brockman

1. Apologies

2. Notes of the last meeting

Notes of the last meeting were recorded as correct.

3. Matters arising

Actions from the last meeting included:

Action 1 Check ownership of culvert and add to agenda and invite appropriate people to the next meeting – not done but have had reassurances that the culvert is in not too bad a condition

Action 2 Mike G and Martin agreed a joint town council approach would be appropriate considering the damage from erosion. Will contact DCC representative at Durlston. Mike G to speak with Wessex Water to see if they will provide contribution to work. – Mike had a meeting yesterday and it was decided that best course of action would be to erect sign to let people know of the danger as couldn't clean path each week. Purbeck District Council are designing the sign and will send out draft design. As it is DCC footpath it is being investigated if they could fund the signs.

ACTION: Bridget send Mike the behaviour change research done for National Trust on signage

Action 3 Rhiannon send draft ToR to group. – is on agenda

Action 4 Group to look over revised ToR and MT to invite comments by email.
– is on agenda

Action 5 Malcolm will raise the issues and consult with 2027 then feed any updates back to the group.– is on agenda

Action 6 update on the Pines – The Pines hotel is running behind schedule and hope to finish mid-May

Action: Group to gather in relevant research before the next meeting on valuing the beach as an amenity

There was a discussion on preparing for beach recharge – Key points included:

- Confirmed the beach has a significant value and therefore worthy of recharge
- The Multi coloured manual is an important document developed
- The flood research centre in London (EA Defra and Middlesex university) have a **multi coloured document** that lists property amenity transport values used for assessment– all consultants use this to calculate damages and value

ACTION: Dave to check on line if multi coloured document is available and if so send through a link

- Visitors are a key value in the manual
- The beach has an estimate engineering life of 30 years (based on groynes)
- Beach replenishment is estimated at 40,000 cubic meters every 20 years



- Visitor figures need to be tangible. In relation to the weather
- Swanage beach is Swanage's USP
- Currently looking at a level 2 strategic flood risk assessment for development purposes but will look at over topping
- Trickle feeding the beach – a pilot scheme in Poole is running but there is no funding for Swanage
- Political issues are causing delays
- Need the evidence/ data to ensure the scheme does not affect the habitats and species.

The discussion ended and the group agreed that we need visitor figures to assist the process of getting grant aid for beach replenishment. The group looked at what other information was needed, this included:

- Property values – a review of property value was needed
- Service values – sewers, loss of road costs
- Tourism information – could be good supplementary information – it was recommended we do this
- Private investment – is anyone interested in private funding?

Action: Bridget to look at visitor data from Bournemouth and report back and Martin to look at review of property data

Preparing for beach recharge:

- Precedents – Bournemouth & Poole, Clacton and Holland-on-Sea
- Tourism data collection
- Accessing and assessing guidance
- Maintenance of existing scheme
- Co-ordination and Plan development

4. Pines Hotel update

See above in matters arising

5. Local plan road system

Martin reported that DCC do not currently have the money to run a consultation on the sea front scheme or to pay for any scheme. Martin will keep the group informed

6. Swanage 2027 update

Bob updated the group on Swanage 2027 and discussed the proposed Terms of Reference for a sub group on sea defences sent out to the SCCFSG members. A discussion took place on best way forward. Key points included:

If the SCCFSG accepted the Terms of reference then:

- The group would become a theme advisory group
- The group would need to look at funding to explore how we get data to get needed for coastal defence and help with raising funds around a defined project
- Currently the SCCF SG role is to inform general public on awareness of coastal change and to work with organisations to help solve issues.
- The SCCF SG have the technical knowledge to deal with sea defence
- The new Terms of Reference was a bit bureaucratic – e.g. 4 meetings a year, needs secretary for the group, person to look for funding etc



After the discussion it was agreed that the SCCF SG were happy to feed relevant information into the Swanage 2027 SG. Bob would be the link and can get in touch with Malcolm if he would like items on the agenda

7. AOB

MT – There are small dangerous warning posts that have been put up close to the cliff edge on the Ballard estate – They don't look very nice and are a trip hazard. **Action Martin will raise with it with the DCC Rangers**

3 big signs were put up by NT (part of LICCO project) but one has slight frame damage - can it be fixed?
Action: Tony Flux agreed to take back and ask the question

TF – There has been damage to Studland middle beach from storm Isobelle and there are current concerns for café, toilets and surf shop. There has also been lots of accretion at Shell Bay

RB – Has the group considered getting private funding/involving the community for data collection? We should put together a template and data costs which could be sent out to ask if anyone who would like to contribute to a scheme

Action: Bridget to put a template together

MA – Raised the issue of the state of the sea wall – Mike Goater has asked Raymond Brown Construction to get this done

He also raised the point that he felt that the Town Council was not aware of the importance of beach recharge and suggested that it would be beneficial to have a presentation on it. Malcolm agreed and welcomed it

Action: Martin to arrange with Malcolm

Bournemouth – New groynes are going in now and if any of the group wanted to have look at this work then should do in the next few weeks

BB – reported on the recent Coastal Community Team work and how Swanage fitted into this work. She also stated that the DCF have applied to become a Dorset and East Devon Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG) and if successful would include the Swanage area

MG reported that Borough of Poole had also submitted an application for a Poole and Purbeck FLAG. Again if successful it would benefit Swanage.

8. Date of next meeting

21 September 2016 - 10am – 12pm