

Spurn Liaison Group

Minutes of the meeting on Monday 24th April 2017 at 5.30pm in Easington Community Hall

Present:

Andy Wainwright	ERYC Strategic Development Services Manager
Karen Abba	ERYC Principal Development Services Officer
Councillor Dave Tucker	
Paul Jefferson	Sea anglers
Andrew Wells	Westmere Farm B&B
Roy Clubley	Parish Council
Martin Standley	Friend of SBO
Ian Smith	SBO vice-chairman
Sharon Smith	Easington Resident
Larry Malkin	Welwick Resident
Haris Livas-Dawes	Parish Councillor
Adam Stoye	YWT Spurn
Terry Smithson	YWT Director

Apologies:

Councillor Richard Burton	
Dave Steenvorden	RNLI coxswain
Tony Smith	Parish Council
Rob Adams	SBO chairman
Christina Keyworth	Easington Youth Club
Pat Swales	Secretary of Easington Evergreen Group

1. Matters arising

- a) **Minutes** – to correct the minutes of the last meeting in reference to those attending the previous meeting and the error regarding the spelling of Weeton.
- b) **Spurn Newsletter** – confirmed this has now gone to print and should now have been circulated.
- c) **Spurn Safaris** – AS advised that 9 had been organised (both weekends and during the week). Concerns were raised regarding the lead-in time for these. If they are a success more could be arranged in the future. TS advised he would seek clarification regarding the distribution of the details of the safaris within the parish.
- d) **Membership of the Recreational Disturbance Management Group (RDMG)** – AW and KA confirmed that this will be a Council-led group (with the chair being ERYC). TS (YWT) stated he wanted the group to be positive and was happy to work with SBOT representatives.
- e) **Display Boards/Drop-in sessions** – Cllr Tucker confirmed that there will be a drop-in session on the 17/06/2017. Wall space with Easington Community Centre for an A4 newsletter that can be updated regularly. TS confirmed that a display board can be placed at the site and at Blue Bell Cafe which can be updated on a regular basis regarding progress of the construction of the VC.

- f) **Conditions** – all the pre-commencement conditions have been submitted for approval and consultation responses are awaited. KA confirmed that the RDMG protocol would need to be agreed in writing before there can be a meeting. KA to report back to the next meeting regarding the progress of conditions discharge.
- g) **Works on site** – MS and IS concerned regarding newt/water vole fence and the potential disturbance of archaeology (by the removal of turf) and whether work is in accordance with the CEMP. TS (YWT) confirmed that best practice has been followed. There are specific allowances and tolerances in the CEMP to allow for variations on site. AS and TS confirmed that they have gone through the CEMP in detail and works have been done within the tolerances. Subject to the discharge of the conditions it is the intention to commence work on site mid to late May 2017. AS advised that a list has been prepared of activities on site for May (striping of topsoil, newt fencing, and protection for Little Turn and wading birds to deter people from disturbing the area).
- h) **Principle Contractor** – TS confirmed that a principal contractor has been appointed (Houlton's Hull). Cllr Tucker requested whether the principle contractor could attend the next meeting. Questions asked regarding how the contractor will manage the removal of topsoil which could impact on the local community (vehicle disturbance). TS to report back on this at the next meeting and ask the principal contractor to attend the next meeting.
- i) **Visitor Experience** – IS advised that the VC project provided opportunities for improving the visitor experience of Spurn and giving back to the community. Suggested that a plan be brought to the next meeting showing different areas/suggestions for improvements to the area (new bird hides etc.) to increase the time spent at Spurn so that people didn't just visit the new VC and leave but would stay and explore the whole of Spurn. TS advised that YWT keen to improve nature tourism in the area and encourage visitors to stay for longer.
- j) **Visitor Access** – PJ raised concerns again regarding double yellow lines, restrictions on the opening times of the car parks and will they be open 24 hours in line with the ones at Bempton. YWT to report back on this at a later meeting. Cllr Tucker advised that the feedback from Bempton was that the car parks being open 24 hours improved security. AW advised that visitor access could remain on the agenda and discussed at future meetings if necessary. TS advised that YWT would look at the suggestions regarding the opening hours of the car parks. AW raised the possibility of a footpath link from Grange Farm to the Wetlands.
- k) **Vehicular Access** – A paper has been circulated regarding access to the peninsula. TS briefly went through the paper and discussed the content in particular this discussion points regarding road access to the point, the pros and cons of exploring re-instating road access. IS, MS felt that replacing the road or temporary provision allowing public access to the Point would be detrimental to the site and prohibitively expensive. TS advised that YWT will explore the possibility of whether there is a solution to make access to the point easier for key users.

2. Any Other Business

- a) TS confirmed that the café at Blue Bell will be open 7 days a week in the summer months.
- b) It was confirmed that ABP will be leaving the peninsular in the future and re-locating to Grimsby.
- c) PJ questioned what would happen to the buildings at the point when ABP leave, could they be used as a B&B, toilets for the sea anglers.

- d) Questions regarding wheel washing and what measures are in place to prevent contamination of the site and mud on the road.
- e) Cllr Tucker asked what the frequency of the newsletter would be? TS advised that would aim for quarterly.
- f) IS asked whether the principal contractor was aware that they can only carry out work at the site during certain times as stated in the CEMP. TS confirmed that the contractor would be working in line with the CEMP.
- g) IS raised regarding site clearance at the Warren. TS confirmed that they were not removing mature shrubs at the site but removing concrete.
- h) MS asked what the coastal communities fund is to be spent on. TS to inform at a later meeting and advised that the money is managed by DCLG and YWT have not had confirmation in writing that they have been awarded the monies. Overall purpose of the fund is to help fund nature tourism development along the coast.

3. Agenda items for next meeting

A number of agenda items were suggested for the next meeting:

- Ian Smith – What is the purpose of the scrape – YWT to look at the suggestions.
- Use of the Point buildings, any other suggestions as to how these can be re-used.
- The group was asked to bring further suggestions for joint working and wider enhancement to the Spurn area, for discussion at the next meeting.

4. Dates of next meetings

25th May 2017 – Further meeting dates to be discussed at the next meeting.