

**Coastal Forum Environment Working Group Meeting
11 January 2006 – English Heritage Office, York**

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Present:

Alan Patmore Chair, Coastal Forum
Roger Martin (? , Environment Agency)
Rona Charles (Ecology Officer, NYMNPA)
Peter Barfoot (Head of Advisory, NYMNPA)
Bob Briggs Filey Brigg Research Group
John Beech (Coastal Projects Officer, NYMNPA)
Ian Panter (Archaeological Sites Advisor - Marine Issues, English Heritage)

Membership

Suggestions for additional members –

- Nick Rosser Durham University
 - Giles Bartlett, Fisheries (NECSFC)
 - RSPB
 - Authority Archaeologists
 - Sue Bragg, Countryside Officer for Ryedale District Council
 - Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
 - North East Maritime Forum? and Flamborough Head Maritime Forum
 - Whitby Naturalists/Scarborough Naturalists
 - Mel Cunningham, National Trust
- Add Ian Panter to Group's email address list
- Circulate email address list to all members

Communication

Use Parish Forums - ***NYMNPA will raise idea of Working Groups at the Coastal Parish Forum.***

Coastal Forum Website – not yet published – delayed in draft form. ***JB to contact Stewart Rowe re this.***

Communication back to Coastal Forum – ***Proposed that a simple item should be presented at each Forum meeting on Working Groups.***

Article in the Forum newsletter.

Report to the Forum Executive Meeting

Update on Actions

Environment Agency

- Water quality issues particularly at Stathes

- NE regional bathing water initiative, will be looking at all areas that are failing.
- Would like to see a habitat action plan for the coast.

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Bob Briggs

- Sub littoral studies – transects across Filey Bay – current lack of sublittoral information – is there a database being developed for data collected since 1970s. Group agreed database would be useful.

BB to speak to Robbie Fisher for national contact at EN to discuss this

RC –

- Habitat action plan good mechanism to have more involvement in coastal issues

PB

- Phase 1 assessment has been done for the coast (20 yrs. Ago) and landscape appraisal also completed. Opportunities for this to be broken down further in to local action

JB

- Environmental Stewardship Scheme – assisting farmers with Entry Level Scheme and Higher Level Scheme applications.
- NYMNPAs grant being offered for landscape improvements.
- Shoreline Management Plans (SMP) – JB aware of detail

IP English Heritage

- Carrying out rapid coastal zone assessments by April 2007 – include far shore to 1km inland – data will help inform SMP process.
- Sea Scape – landscape characterisation in coastal zone – second phase may include north east England
- Wetland Strategy published in 2002 – coastal zone wetlands?
- Marine Bill – EH now have responsibility out to 12 mile off shore. Lead Officer – Peter Murphy, Portsmouth Office.
- Current Designation Review – impact on marine sites – paper to next Coastal Forum

Biodiversity Action Plan priorities

Habitat Action Plans exist for most key habitats – but not currently Coastal habitat – need to bring together expertise on coast and identify threats/actions/targets – will use NYMNPAs Nature Conservation Liaison Group to raise issue and look for volunteers.

Key threats are;

Loss of open space on coastal slopes, loss of habitats through increased erosion, potential effects of Open Access (discussion into opening coastal areas up to open access to start in October 2006), effects of hard coastal protection projects, water quality problems through silt and diffuse pollution, shellfish collection. Use HAP process to assess change.

Opportunities include;

habitat restoration, erosion, improving agricultural drainage, introduce grazing, one field back approach.

RC to circulate threats and opportunities for comments from the Group.

RC to discuss at Nature Conservation liaison group meeting

Need to assess relevant existing HAPs/SAPs from other Authorities/Organisations

Week of 28 March – not 22 or 23
24 March – joint meeting
21 March
28 29

Landscape Appraisal and proposed actions

Phase 1

NYMNPA Landscape Appraisal 2003 – would it be of value to go into more detail? – ***PJB to send current Landscape Appraisal cd-rom to all Members.***

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Present:

Alan Patmore, Chair, Coastal Forum
Peter Barfoot, Head of Advisory, NYMNPA
Bob Briggs, Filey Brigg Research Group
Kate Dennet, Yorkshire Archaeological Society
John Beech, Coastal Projects Officer, NYMNPA
Ian Panter, Archaeological Sites Advisor, Marine Issues, English Heritage
John Hinchliffe, English Heritage

Membership and Communication

Suggestions for additional members –

- Chris Hall, Scarborough Borough Council
- Scarborough District Archaeological Society
- Nautical Archaeological Society
- Filey Bay Initiative
- Filey and Whitby Museums – Scarborough Museum Trust
- Peter Cooper, Whitby Civic Society

Existing actions

JH, research ongoing on coastal alum workings, scheduled monuments at risk, Fylingdales moor restoration project, historic landscape characterisation programme, Robin Hood's Bay village conservation area & Whitby headland project. Partnership Scheme for Robin Hoods Bay.

RB noted Filey Coble Preservation Society active and Filey Brigg Research Group. John Buglass study of Filey Brigg would be useful to put on website and a possible speaker for next Forum meeting in October.

IP, rapid coastal zone surveying by English Heritage. Filey Bay already done, area up to Staithes will be done this year.

PJB, World War II structures – need interpretation
Also need to start replacing current interpretation boards.

AP noted that a paper on cultural heritage to the next Forum would be extremely interesting.

Existing records - Sites and Monuments Records/Historic Environment Records

- Excavation of Whitby headland – north side – due for publication – JH will look into this
- Maritime component of HER, What do NYCC and Tees Archaeology have
- Rapid survey results will be of value

Priorities and proposed actions

PJB to look into an item and discussion for the next Coastal Forum on cultural heritage –

JB to do the same for interpretation

Priorities for further actions will be informed by

- Historic Landscape Characterisation
- rapid survey results
- Scheduled Monuments at risk/Buildings at Risk

This Group to examine -

- ***results of rapid coastal zone surveys***
- ***YH and EH Frameworks and NYMNPAs Framework priorities***
- ***Scheduled Monuments at Risk and Buildings at Risk information***

This to inform a Research Strategy for coast and maritime issues, EH, NYM to lead.

Date of next Meeting

11.00 am, Friday 24th March 2006, EH offices, Tanner Row, York.