

**Coastal Forum Environment Working Group
31 March 2006**

Present:

Peter Barfoot (PJB)
John Beech (JB)
Bob Briggs (BB)
Rona Charles (RC)
Robbie Fisher (RF)
Graham Lee (GEL)
Ian Panter (IP)
David Pybus (DP)

1. Notes from last meeting and actions arising

Coastal Forum website up and running – www.coastalforum.org.uk from 1 April 2006. (PJB) to speak to Stewart Rowe (Scarborough Borough Council) re item in newsletter and also to invite short articles for the newsletter from the contact group.

Database on sub littoral survey information - (BB) preparing citation index which can possibly connect to website. Approach Whitby Philosophical Society or Scarborough Library Service to house the archive, BB to investigate (DP to supply contact).

The benefit to Forum is that this will provide somewhere to go to find out what is available and where data is.

Also consider this approach for Cultural Heritage, ie a list of archaeological research on the coast. *Need to know what cultural heritage research has been carried out along coast* – GEL to speak to DP

National Park Landscape Appraisal. PJB to circulate to members before next meeting

Suggested items for the next Forum agenda.

- Any work on marine archaeology
- Presentation on interpretation on the coast – Alan Staniforth or Malcolm Hodgson (NPA)

2. Report on EUROPARC Conference 'Protected areas, Marine and Coastal zones' – March 2006

Katy Gillum is lead in SNH on marine National Parks.

Need to establish the wording of the Scottish marine National Park legislation. PJB to pursue.

John Beech (JB) to circulate power point presentations and notes of conference to Group members.

Consultation out soon on **Marine Bill** – most up to date information is all reasons for designations are still on the table – landscapes/archaeology/biodiversity etc.

Consultation period on the **EU Marine Directive** just about to close.

3. Coastal Biodiversity Action Plan progress

Meetings held – Plan now in third draft. Includes

- maritime cliffs and slopes
- intertidal and marine

Now out for consultation – will be brought back to this Group to discuss the actions to take forward.

4. Update on actions of partners

Ian Panter (IP) – Rapid Coastal Zone Survey should now be up and running – first part will identify resource not the threats. BB suggested contacting local diving clubs and retired divers. Sea Scapes Project has a pilot running in Liverpool Bay – two further studies are planned – Scarborough to the Tees and Flamborough Head to the Humber. Crown Estates are asking to extend remit – re off shore aggregate extraction – up to 90 km off shore Crown Estates own sea bed and sediments beneath the sea. Funded by Aggregates Levy – Cleveland Potash have some data – past 4 years spent £600k on collaborative research.

BB – Filey Brigg – applying to Scarborough Borough Council for funding to research plankton – involving local people and schools.

JB – still working on agri environment schemes and the NPA's Upland Management Scheme. Proposed big lottery bid for £50 million to rebuild 'Resolution' by Whitby Beacon Town Forum.

5. Report from Coastal Forum Recreation Working Group

Planning the replacing of interpretation boards – content to be considered by this Group. *JB to discuss with PJB next sites for interpretation*

6. Development of an Archaeological Research Strategy for the coast

Need to establish what wanted. Do we want something on research or on management?

Surveys are underway and a research agenda has been discussed with the North East Maritime Forum – lots of strands coming together

Key need for this coast is an Action Plan based on threat/risk priorities based on risks from erosion and diving and gaps in knowledge.

IP noted that English Heritage strategies have not yet dealt with marine issues

DP updated group on mining /alum industry on coast and its effects on coastal erosion over the years

Funding for Strategy – English Heritage? NYCC? National Park Authority?

PJB to convene sub group - need to consider Sea Scape Project and Rapid Coastal Zone Survey.

7. Any other business

Some discussion re Marine Nature Reserve off North Yorkshire Coast as Robin Hoods Bay is already an SSSI.

8. Date of next meeting

11.00, 7 July 2006 – English Heritage Offices, Tanner Row, York