

NORTH YORKSHIRE AND CLEVELAND
COASTAL FORUM

Notes of the meeting held at Rushpool Hall Hotel, Saltburn by the Sea on Wednesday 17 September 2003.

PRESENT:

Professor Allan Patmore in the Chair.

(Attendance list attached)

APOLOGIES:

(Separate list available on request)

A. **MORNING SESSION**

1. **WELCOME BY HOSTS, REDCAR AND CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Councillor Smith, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council welcomed everyone to the Forum and introduced Cllr Jim Preston who represented the Coastal Forum Executive in Mrs Schroeder's absence.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS FROM THE COASTAL FORUM EXECUTIVE AND FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FORUM, PROFESSOR ALLAN PATMORE**

Mr Preston introduced himself to the Forum and asked for a one-minute silence in memory of Mike Welbourn who died suddenly at the end of August. Mr Preston read a very fitting poem by Rupert Brooke.

The Chairman, Professor Patmore, paid tribute to Mike Welbourn: Mike died suddenly but peacefully at the end of August. He had been Head of Policy at the North York Moors National Park Authority for 15 years. Mike was an earnest man with a lovely sense of humour, he loved the area and had a passion for the coast. He had been a key driver of the Coastal Strategy and the Strategy work was essentially his. Mike had asked Professor Patmore to Chair the Forum. The Chairman had written to Mike's widow on behalf of the Forum and his thoughts were with Sue, and Mike's children Megan and Joe.

The Chairman explained that the Coastal Strategy was now 12 months on and there had been a large number of contributions from the Executive and officers and that the Executive had ensured that funding was released. The Chairman thanked the agencies and authorities who had contributed, and gave particular thanks to John Beech, Coastal Projects Unit. He made 3 points about the Strategy:

- Brings together all interests – the Forum's members are a very wide group of people;
- The Forum's strategy;
- Deals only with principles.

Professor Patmore introduced the first speaker David Andrews, Chief Executive of the Yorkshire Tourist Board.

3. **THE IMPACT OF TOURISM ON THE COAST – DAVID ANDREWS, YORKSHIRE TOURIST BOARD**

David Andrews introduced himself to the Forum. His powerpoint presentation is at **Appendix 1** to these notes.

In questions after the presentation, the following points were raised:

- A Member of the Forum asked if the spend on tourism was quantified or an estimate? David Andrews explained that it was always an estimate as they could only use indicators such as the number of people using the Tourist Information Centres or hotels, etc.
- A Member of the Forum asked if any work had been undertaken on trends in visitors? David Andrews explained that trends had altered in recent years people now want; holidays tailored to their individual needs and more interactive holidays with the countryside/heritage.
- A Member of the Forum asked if YTB had an influence over the public transport system in Yorkshire. David Andrews said that the YTB recognised the importance of access and that improvements in the transport systems need to be addressed and raised politically.

Professor Patmore thanked David Andrews for his presentation.

4. **CLIMATE CHANGE, A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE – JOHAN KUYLENSTIERNA, STOCKHOLM ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE (YORK)**

Johan Kuylenstierna, Stockholm Environment Institute, York introduced himself to the Forum. His powerpoint presentation is at **Appendix 2** to these notes.

In questions after the presentation, the following points were raised:

- A member of the Forum said that he felt that the future picture was gloomy and asked whether the Government took this issue seriously. Johan explained that the Government did take climate change issues seriously but that it is very important for Forums like these to push the issue forward.
- A member of the Forum asked if methane injection into the atmosphere was taken into account when producing the climate models. Johan explained that the models were produced by the Met Office, but that as far as he was aware they take account of all greenhouse gases.
- A member of the Forum asked if Johan had any views on what effect climate change may have on crustaceans. Johan explained that there was not expected to be much of an effect on crustaceans.
- A member of the Forum asked what strategy the Government had taken on the issue of climate change. Professor Patmore responded, saying that due to climate change being a long term problem it wasn't a priority for Government and that it needed to be highlighted through the Agencies. Mr Kemp from the Regional Assembly, one of the funders of the study, explained that the Government have done 2 things:
 1. Prevention of Causes paper had been produced.
 2. Had put in place a flood and coastal defence review and provided an extra £400m in funding.

5. Professor Allan Patmore thanked both speakers for producing such excellent presentations.

B. **AFTERNOON SESSION**

6. **INTRODUCTION TO THE DRAFT STRATEGY – JOHN BEECH, COASTAL PROJECTS UNIT AND STEWART ROWE, SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

John Beech and Stewart Rowe introduced themselves to the Forum. They explained the process of pulling the strategy together. This process began with the Vision - what we would like to see in the year 2050, and was followed by the Principles and then the Priorities, which the workshop groups were to discuss in the afternoon session. All the material used was derived from discussions held by the Forum at its last meeting.

7. **WORKSHOPS TO CONSIDER PRIORITIES WITHIN THE STRATEGY AND HOW THEY MIGHT BE MET**

Professor Patmore explained that the Forum had been split into 6 groups, each with a priority to discuss. He went on to thank all the staff who had helped with the Forum: Richard Gunton and Dave Williams; Rob Lunan for the organisation at an excellent venue; to Claire Brackley and Sarah Morris for taking the notes and organising the administration of the day; Rushpool Hall Hotel, an excellent venue; and everyone for attending and taking part in the day.

A summary of each of the 6 group discussions is detailed below. Each group was asked to look at the priorities in the draft Strategy and list what they felt were the 4 most important. Then show **How** the priorities would be achieved, **Who** would achieve them and with what **Resources**.

1. Coastal Environment – Facilitator, Mr Mallows, English Nature

Protect and improve the coastal environment by;

Priority 1: Management of coastal lands subject to natural processes such as flood and coastal erosion.

How: *Shoreline Management Plan.*

Who:

- *Local Authorities*
- *DEFRA*
- *Environment Agency*

Resources:

- *Local Authorities*
- *DEFRA*
- *Environment Agency*
- *European Union*

Priority 2: Take account of sea level rise, climate change and its impacts.

How:

- *Shoreline Management Plan*
- *Climate Change*
- *Depletion of cod stocks – diversification of fleet and other uses.*

Who: *Multi agency including Coastal Forum*

Resources: *DEFRA*

Priority 3: Consider pressures of tourism and recreation.

How:

- *Manage visitors, improve public transport, improve information available.*

Who:

- *Local businesses*
- *YTB*
- *Local interests*

Resources:

- *National Park Authority*
- *Local Authorities*
- *Local businesses*

Priority 4: Water pollution, point and non point source pollution, such as sewerage discharge and agricultural and urban runoff.

How:

- *More policing*
- *Farmers should be involved*

Who:

- *Yorkshire Water/Northumbrian*
- *Local businesses*
- *University research*
- *Environment Agency*

Resources:

- *Yorkshire Water/Northumbrian*
- *Environment Agency*
- *EU*
- *DEFRA*

Deliver sustainable shoreline management through;

Priority 1: Understanding the structure and dynamics of coastal settlements and of the user groups that depend on the coast and ocean.

Priority 2: Integration between the forum and other coastal groups.

Priority 3: The provision of appropriate standards of defence for people and property against loss of life, erosion and flooding where technically, environmentally and economically justifiable and sustainable.

Priority 4: New and sustainable coastal tourism, within an overall strategy for coastal tourism.

The group felt that these 4 priorities were covered above.

2. The Coastal Economy – Facilitator, Mr Martin, Environment Agency

Regulate use of coastal and marine resources; by

Priority 1: Ensuring that development is of an appropriate nature, complies with planning policies and protects the environment.

- *Should already be addressed by:*
 - *LPA planning departments;*
 - *Regional and sub-regional economic strategies;*
 - *NYCC planning guidance, etc.*

** Does this system work well in protecting and enhancing the coast?*

eg. Risks highlighted in SMP – are they well reflected in planning guidance?

Priority 2: Management of marine resources on a sustainable basis. Support and develop local fishing industry.

Questions:

- *First what are the marine resources? Eg, fossils, cliffs, shellfish, blue flag beaches.*
- *Which do we need actively to manage on a sustainable basis?*

How:

- *Extension of NYMNP powers into the water?*
- *Work in partnership with others – join up and coordinate the work of the various agencies so that all are working to a common goal.*

Who:

- *Many organisations, eg NESFC*
- *NYMNP*
- *DEFRA*
- *English Nature, etc.*

Resources: *Within existing organisations.*

Priority 3: Minimising the potential adverse impacts on non-renewable resources, eg, ancient monuments, conservation areas and listed buildings and structures.

How:

- *Protection through designation.*
- *Education – this is the key.*
- *Policing the sites and monitoring condition.*
- *Proper maintenance if appropriate.*
- *Restrict/promote access at different times of the year if appropriate.*

Who:

- *Local Authorities*
- *Conservation bodies*
- *NYMNP*
- *Locals*
- *Landowners, etc.*

Resources: *Yorkshire Forward*

Active attention to coast dependent industries; by

Priority 4: Conserving, and enhancing where appropriate, tourism, recreational and amenity assets and facilities.

Limited time to discuss, similar issues to Priority 3 above.

3. Coastal Tourism – Facilitator, Mr Gunton, North York Moors National Park Authority

Priority 1: Supporting tourism that meets the socio-economic needs of the coast and the principles of sustainability.

How:

- Ensure proper communication/influence for the Forum at all levels.
- Provide media (eg, powerpoint) presentations to assist members.

Who:

- Through forum representatives (2 ways).
- A dedicated forum member of staff.

Resources:

- Europe (Interreg)
- Yorkshire Forward
- Lottery

Priority 2: Ensuring that any new tourism development is consistent with the landscape and environment of the coastal zone.

How: Forum to have representation on Planning Committee – via Members and in policy development. Forum to be consulted on planning proposals.

Who: Forum Officer.

Resources:

Priority 3: A balanced approach between improving access and the need to keep some areas remote and peaceful.

How: Influence responsible authority via Members and Officers.

Who: Members and officers.

Resources: No additional resources required.

Priority 4: Improving beach facilities, first aid, emergency phones, public rights of way and associated litter collection. Encouraging the provision of visitor facilities in the coastal area, which are appropriate to their settings.

How: Influence responsible authority via Members and Officers.

Who: Members and officers.

Resources: No additional resources required.

4. Coastal Recreation – Facilitator, Mr Lunan, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council

Priority 1: A strategy for coastal recreation.

Definition:

Recreation active/passive links to:

- *Tourism*
- *Business*
- *Environment*
- *Transport*
- *Local People*

How:

- *Links to sub-strategy*
- *Take account of existing strategies*
- *Symbiosis with existing strategies*
- *Examine relevance*
- *Consultation to avoid duplication and aim for integration*

Who:

- *Existing staff where possible or as advisors to a Coordinator*
- *Groups removed from Forum.*
- *Topic coordinators to examine and integrate policies.*

Resources: *Resources as with “Coastal Environment” and others.*

Priority 2: Public rights of way/Prudent coastal public access

Issues:

- *Road and parking*
- *Rail and public transport*
- *Personal forms, ie, walking, cycling, riding, boats*

Objectives:

- *Reduction of private transport*
- *Promotion of public transport/integration*
- *Promotion of sustainable transport*
- *However, allow for inevitable rise of car use*

How: *Analysis and coordination of transport with activity and carrying capacity/limits.*

Who: *Under Recreation Strategy, with Coordinator.*

Resources: *Resources as with “Coastal Environment” and others.*

Priority 3: Resolving potential pressures between recreation and nature conservation.

Definition:

- *Damage and disturbance*
- *Upsetting environment and nature conservation*

How: *Under Recreation Strategy*

Who: *Coastal Forum and Coordinator*

Resources: Funding appeals to local authorities/agencies

5. Management of the Coast – Facilitator, Mr Williams, Scarborough Borough Council

Priority 1: Developing and delivering an approach that integrates environmental, economic and social interests on the North Yorkshire and Cleveland coast.

Priority 2: Adopting clear aims and objectives, and enacting responsibilities through a logical, coordinated process.

Priority 3: Integrating other agencies and stakeholders' plans into the Action Plan of the forum.

Priority 4: Funding of the forum and its activities including dedicated officer support.

How:

- Existing Organisations
- Elected members
- Officers
- Working Group and Forum.

Who: Forum and Working Group.

Integration: Communication – clarity. Forum/Executive Group/Working Group.

Resources:

- Central Government
- GOYH
- DEFRA
- EU
- Regional Assembly
- Yorkshire Forward
- Local Authorities
- Agencies (Sports)
- Sea Fisheries
- Pledges from the Forum.

6. Promoting Coastal Issues – Facilitator, Mr Riby, Scarborough Borough Council

Priorities

List of priorities wasn't given.

How:

- *Coastal 'Virtual Network'.*
- *Status and branding – consultations, Forum(s) – knowledge.*
- *Research Project avoiding duplication eg, monitoring 5 years water quality improvement impact upon environment*

5 Year Plan:

- *Set up web site with links to academia, museums and other bodies.*
- *Know we exist and how to contact: effective communications.*
- *Other Coastal Forums.*
- *Strategy Doc 1.*
- *CD or DVD of Coastal Forum work.*
- *Monitoring.*

Who:

- *Local Authorities, Environment Agency, etc*
- *LGA, direct representation*
- *Chair (Executive)*
- *Consultants*

Resources:

- Local Authorities
- Yorkshire Forward
- DEFRA
- Countryside Agency
- Lottery
- All parties of Forum

8. ROUNDUP AND CONCLUDING REMARKS – ALLAN PATMORE

Professor Patmore thanked the groups for their very inspiring ideas. He explained the three points he wanted the Forum to get out of the day:

1. A record of what has happened during the day.
2. In receiving the record, encourage us to begin to influence other bodies.
3. Think about the 2 presentations and what work we should be doing in a joined up way.

He thanked everyone for attending and closed the Forum.

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Attendance List

First Name	Surname	Organisation
Mr D	Andrews	Yorkshire Tourist Board
Mr R	Arkell	Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum
Ms P A	Aveyard	Filey Against Dredging
Mr G	Bartlett	North Eastern Sea Fisheries Committee
John	Beech	Coastal Projects Unit
Cllr L	Bell	Loftus Town Council
Cllr P	Booth	Scarborough Borough Council
Cllr B	Christon	Coastal Parish Forum
Cllr G	Davis	Loftus Town Council
Mrs A	Fawcett	Women's Institute, North Yorkshire East Federation
Richard	Gunton	North York Moors National Park Authority (Facilitator)
Cllr J	Guy	Saltburn, Marske and New Marske Parish Council
Cllr M	Harland	Scarborough Borough Council
Ms S	Heselton	Staithes & Cowbar Residents Association
Mr G B	Hill	Scarborough Harbour Users' Association
Malcolm	Hodgson	North York Moors National Park Authority
Mr D	Jeffels	North York Moors National Park Authority
Ms L	Kelly	Heritage Coast Partnership
Mr W	Kemp	Yorkshire and Humberside Assembly
Mr J	Kuylenstierna	Stockholm Environment Institute
Mr J D	Leeffe	CPRE (Scarborough and District Branch)
Mr J	Leverseidge	Staithes & Cowbar Residents Association
Mr Rob	Lunan	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council (Facilitator)
Mr T	Mallows	English Nature (Facilitator)
Mr R	Martin	Environment Agency
Bernie	McLinden	NYMNP
Cllr V	Miller	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Cllr Mrs J E	Mortimer	Scarborough Borough Council
Dr A	Parsons	DEFRA
Prof J A	Patmore	Coastal Forum Chairman
Mr J M	Preston	North York Moors National Park Authority
Mr David	Pybus	Cleveland Potash Ltd
Mr J	Riby	Scarborough Borough Council (Facilitator)
Co.Cllr. J	Ritchie	North Yorkshire County Council
Mr C	Robinson	Filey Town Council
Dr N	Rosser	University of Durham
Mr S	Rowe	Scarborough Borough Council
Mr D P	Savage	Yorkshire Naturalists Union
Mrs E	Sharpe	Skelton & Brotton Parish Council
Cllr V	Smith	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Mr B	Spink	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Mr A	Staniforth	NYMNP
Mr J	Stevens	Whitby Naturalists' Club
Mr P	Stevenson	Environment Agency
Ms M	Street	Teesmouth European Marine Site
Anne	Taylor	North Yorkshire Moors Association
Mr D	Tomlin	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Mr M	Twiggs	BCU Yorkshire and Humberside
Mr F	Waring	Hawsker cum Stainsacre Parish Council
Mr B F	Watson	Newby and Scalby Parish Council
Mr C	Webb	Hamlet of Flat Cliffs Preservation Society
Mr D	Williams	Scarborough Borough Council (Facilitator)
Cllr J	Wingham	Cleveland Local Council's Association
Mr T	Wright	NYCC Area 2 Traffic Manager

Slides available on request.