

NORTH YORKSHIRE AND CLEVELAND COASTAL FORUM

ANNUAL MEETING – THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2005, SCARBOROUGH SPA

Notes of meeting

Present: -

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organisation</i>
Prof. A. Patmore (Chair)	
Cllr. Mrs. J. Mortimer	Scarborough Borough Council
Mr. C. Robinson	Filey Town Council
Mr. B. Briggs	Filey Against Dredging
Mrs. J. Tallantire	North York Moors National Park Authority
Mr. D. Pybus	Cleveland Potash Ltd.
Mr. W. Jones	YHACS
Mr. J. Edwards	North Yorkshire County Council
Mr. G. Bartlett	North Eastern Sea Fisheries Committee
Mr. J. Farquher	CPRE
Mrs. R. Charles	North York Moors National Park Authority
Mr. B. Sweeney	University of Hull
Mr. R. Fisher	English Nature
Mr. L. Atkinson	Ramblers Association
Mrs. J. Haczynskyj	Yorkshire Water
Dr. S. Dunning	Durham University
Dr. N. Rosser	Durham University
Mr. M. Lim	Durham University
Mr. P. Crooks	Royal Yachting Association
Mr. J. Beech	Coastal Projects Unit, North York Moors National Park
Mr. S. Rowe	Scarborough Borough Council
Mr. C. Matthews	Scarborough Borough Council
Cllr. B. Watson	Newby & Scalby Parish Council
Mr. M. Hodgson	Cleveland Way Project, North York Moors National Park
Mr. J. Lazenby	Salmon & Trout Association (Yorkshire Region)
Mrs. H. Swiers	North Yorkshire County Council
Mr. R. Martin	Environment Agency
Mr. J. Wingham	Cleveland Local Council's Association
Cllr. G. Davis	Loftus Town Council
Mr. J. Leefe	CPRE & Burniston Parish Council
Mr. M. Jacklin	Seafish Industry
Mr. R. Lunan	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Mr. P. Barfoot	North York Moors National Park Authority
Mrs. K. Dennett	Yorkshire Archaeological Society
Mr. D. Pinchbeck	Hamlet of Flat Cliffs Association

Apologies : -

These are available on a separate list on request.

Welcome & Introductions: -

Cllr. Mortimer welcomed members to today's meeting and explained what she hoped people would gain from the meeting and she thanked Scarborough Borough Council officers for organising the event.

Allan Patmore offered a formal introduction to the agenda for the day and thanked Scarborough for its hospitality. On a disappointing note, he advised members of the forum that the INTEREG bid for funding from Europe had not been successful. He added that the North Yorkshire & Cleveland Coastal Forum now relies on the generosity of its delegates for the future.

10.30 – 10.50am

Presentation by Giles Bartlett (North Eastern Sea Fisheries Committee) with an update on the organisations work

Current Projects discussed: -

- Angling Diversification Project
- Marine Stewardship Council Accreditation Project
- Langed Project off Easington, Lobster Tagging
- Bass Byelaw/Study, Draft Netting Byelaw
- GIS Project (trawl sightings logged by the NESFC boat over the past 10 years and the effect of trawl fishing/human interaction on sensitive habitats)
- Prohibited Trawling Areas Study

For further information on any of the NESFC projects, their website is: -

www.neseafish.gov.uk/publications

10.50 – 11.25am

Presentation by Dr. Nick Rosser (Durham University) on 'New and Innovative Coastal Research'

The presentation concentrated on Durham University's 'Coastal Behaviour and Rates of Activity' (COBRA) study. The main points were: -

- Approach to structure to the project
- Research themes
- Gaps in coastal research
- Coastal monitoring
- Combined photogrammetry and terrestrial laser scanning
- Rockfall activity monitoring
- Importance of large landslide events
- Nature of rockfall activity
- Coastal geometry
- Impact of future sea level changes on cliff erosion
- Wide area ground deformation monitoring
- Radar interferometry
- Wide area monitoring
- Conclusions & what next

A Project Seminar day is scheduled for November Dr. Rosser stated (date to be confirmed), all forum members are invited to attend.

Questions from the floor included scanning of water depths, working with local authorities on the project, duty of care in what is discovered, what is actually monitored and possible extension of the study area further south towards Scarborough.

11.25 – 11.50am

Presentation by C. Matthews (Scarborough Borough Council) on sustaining Scarborough's coastline

The presentation covered issues such as: -

- Strategies/SMP's/Action Plans
- Consultation and minimising the duplication of work between bodies
- The complex management of the coast & developing policies
- Review of the Scarborough Coastal Defence Strategy is to start shortly, hopefully attracting £70 million of funding to the area
- Risk based approaches to work
- SBC's 5-year strategic coastal monitoring programme
- Studies/works carried out to date
- New generation SMP2 and the work involved/GIS database system to be used and how it will operate

Questions from the floor included the SMP2 review area and associated problems along the coastline.

11.50 – 12pm

Presentation by J. Beech (North York Moors National Park Authority) on the North Yorkshire & Cleveland Forum website development

Issues discussed relating to the website included: -

- The website is currently in draft form, hopefully available within the next month
- Website address will be www.coastalforum.org.uk
- Background to the forum, its work, benefits, links to forum members and their websites
- Forum meeting minutes to be placed on the website, along with publications, links to newsletters, strategies and action plans
- A section on news and current issues concerning the forum, how to join the forum
- A discussion board will be included
- A Coastal designations & definitions section

The Chair expressed his satisfaction with the website work that has been carried out so far and hopefully the links will prove invaluable to anyone visiting the website.

12-12.20pm

Discussion on forming Working Groups

Stewart Rowe explained the executive have been looking at way to move to forum forward. The Dorset Group example was quoted as a good one to follow, an officer led executive, full annual forum meeting and working groups established from this. It would involve people that have a particular interest in a specific area related to the coast, to meet up, develop and discuss ideas and feed their work into the forum.

He asked the floor for recommendations for working group titles/names and a lead person for each group. They forum doesn't want these working groups to become too time onerous, he proposed that they initially meet every 3 or 4 months, report back on their work on an annual basis to the Forum.

A show of hands showed the working groups proposal to be positive and people would be prepared to attend them and some people showed their interest in leading/chairing the groups.

4 working group titles that were suggested are as follows: -

- Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), including coastal management, coastal strategies
- Conservation and the Natural Environment
- Coastal Recreation
- Offshore Issues (including energy, pollution, fishing)

The Chair asked that members over lunch, to place their names on the list for any of the working groups that they wish to be involved with and discussions would continue after lunch in these groups.

S. Rowe explained about Defra incentives that have been used previously in forming and the work that results from working groups in such forums.

1.40 – 2.15pm

Presentation by P. Barfoot (North York Moors National Park Authority) on the Fylingdales Fire Site

The presentation covered: -

- Background to the events, scale of it, effects, aerial imagery, effects on moor archaeology, ground conditions and erosion effects and what was discovered afterwards
- Repairing the damage, advice and what was done
- Different phases of works carried out
- Monitoring, publicity and the future

Questions from the floor included plans for the future, preservation of archaeological features, consideration of fire beaters, a personal description of events at the time from a Stoupe Brow resident who lived through the experience and the possible publication of this material for future reference.

2.15 – 2.45pm

Working Group Discussions

All members dissolved into their respective groups to discuss the issues concerning them and the way forward. The following Working Groups, titles and Lead Officers were determined: -

1. **ICZM (including Coastal Management, Coastal Strategies)** – Lead Officer, Stewart Rowe
2. **Coastal Recreation** – Lead Officer, John Beech
3. **Conservation and the Natural Environment** – Lead Officer, Peter Barfoot
4. **Offshore Issues** (including energy, fishing, pollution) – Lead Officer, Chris Robinson

2.45 – 3pm

Feedback from Working Group discussions

Group 1 (ICZM) – S. Rowe explained to the group that he felt ICZM was a ‘complex concept’. The group intends to discuss its meaning and find a way forward for the forum in delivering ICZM; with particular reference to the EU recommendation on ICZM and the upcoming ICZM Policy Statement currently under development by Defra.

Group 2 (Coastal Recreation) – J. Beech explained that this group would look into open access on the coast issues and hopefully met in 6 months time.

Group 3 (Conservation and the Natural Environment) – P. Barfoot stated that topics under discussion would involve biodiversity issues, action plans, cultural heritage, landscape appraisals.

Group 4 (Offshore Issues) – C. Robinson explained that this group would be looking at issues such as energy production, aggregate movements, fisheries concerns and pollution.

The Chair added that forum members shouldn’t limit their membership to just 1 group if they felt that had interests in more than 1 of the above areas.

All Working Groups are asked to please forward S. Rowe a draft proposal of their plans.

3pm Close

The Chair thanked members for a most interesting and productive day. Thanks to Scarborough Borough Council for their hospitality and officer support and he hoped people gained a lot from the day and also that the working group discussions will be well attended and reported upon back to the Forum & Executive.
