## EAST HEAD COASTAL ISSUES ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

West Wittering Beach Café 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017

## MINUTES

| Present: | Dominic Henly (DH)  | Chichester District Council (CDC)    |
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|          | James Crespi (JC)   | West Wittering Estate (WWE)          |
|          | Jayne Field (JF)    | Natural England (NE)                 |
|          | Angela Marlow (AM)  | Natural England (NE)                 |
|          | Stella Hadley (SH)  | Cakeham Manor Estate (CME)           |
|          | Lisa Trownson (LT)  | National Trust (NT)                  |
|          | Mark Wardle (MW)    | National Trust (NT)                  |
|          | Richard Craven (RC) | Chichester Harbour Conservancy (CHC) |
|          | Uwe Dornbusch       | Environment Agency (EA)              |
|          | Keith Martin (KM)   | West Wittering Parish Council (WWPC) |
|          | Patrick Byrne (PB)  | West Wittering Estate (WWE)          |

| Point | Subject   | Action |
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| 1     | Apologies   |        |
|       | R Shrubb, D Sadler  |        |
|       | JF introduced Angela Marlow as her replacement whilst she is seconded for a         |        |
|       | year.   |        |
| 2     | Review of Previous minutes  |        |
|       | All ok  |        |
| 3&4   | Asset Condition Update & Next Steps   |        |
|       | C24 Groyne ok.  |        |
|       | Bay between C24 and C23 – some gabion wires exposed. WWE will monitor and           |        |
|       | remove wire, no further action required. DH commented that the beach in be-         |        |
|       | tween this section is in good condition.  |        |
|       | Breastwork/corner section G22 – following discussions at the previous meeting in    |        |
|       | January, the group agreed the 'top' section of the structure has now failed and is  |        |
|       | beyond repair. The agreed action is to remove the top three boards on the west      |        |
|       | and south facing side of the breastwork. Loose material on top will then be used    |        |
|       | to re grade the surface. Boards removed from the top will then be used to fill in   |        |
|       | the section at the bottom of the structure where previous softwood repairs have     |        |
|       | failed. JC will email JF to gain consent from Natural England.                      |        |
|       | C22 Groyne ok   |        |
|       | C22 – C21 Breastwork has not deteriorated any further since the last meeting. As    |        |
|       | such, the group agreed to carry on as per 2016 and install temporary repairs for    |        |
|       | the summer season then remove mid September. It was agreed however, to re-          |        |
|       | grade the top section of the footpath above and remove loose surface material in    |        |
|       | efforts to reduce the impact of any potential sink holes that may appear. Finally,  |        |
|       | the western section of the section that has collapsed will be levelled to allow pe- |        |
|       | destrian access. JC will gain consent from Natural England prior to the work. Ga-   |        |

|   | bions in this section ok and will remain in place.   |  |
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|   | C21 Groyne ok  |  |
|   | C21 – C20 breastwork ok. JC explained that WWE had covered a small section of exposed gabions to enable emergency access to the western end of the beach.  |  |
|   | The group then discussed the state of the shoreline east of C20. JC asked where the ECHIAG group's remit ends – DH stated currently C20.   |  |
|   | PB confirmed WWE control and manage land east of this section but would con-<br>sult the group if the issue demanded it.   |  |
|   | DH to forward copy of Gabion location plan to JC.  |  |
| 5 | DL Collating lessons learned project update<br>KM asked whether DL has included / reviewed first draft comments – DH to con-<br>firm. LT to make new aerial shot of East Head available for DL document. |  |
|   | DH to request 2 <sup>nd</sup> draft of document be sent to all prior to the next meeting for fur-<br>ther comment.   |  |
| 6 | <b>Collaboration with Portsmouth University</b><br>DH had invited Malcolm Bray and Jonathon Potts this meeting but both were un-<br>able to attend.  |  |
|   | There was a request to view the final and full version of Rebecca Creed's project – DH to source and make available to the group.  |  |
| 7 | <b>AOB</b><br>KM thanked Jayne Field for her excellent contribution to the group. JF seconded<br>to Defra for one year from April 3 <sup>rd</sup> .  |  |
| 8 | <b>Date for next meeting</b><br>Suggested Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November. DL 2 <sup>nd</sup> draft may have an effect on this or<br>potentially require a separate meeting – DL to update            |  |
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