

Coastal Liaison Group

Meeting No. 8

21st February 2018

Room 3A6, County Hall

Minutes

**Representatives
Councillors**

Present
B. Dennehy
B. Martin
P. Mulville
D. Healy
A. Henchy

Apologies

**Representatives
Community**

H. Donovan
P. O'Brien
M. Deegan
C. Sargent
F. Price

Council Officials

H. Visser
S. Peppard

K. Halpenny
G. Clabby

Mr. H. Visser informed the meeting that as Mr. K. Halpenny was unable to attend he would be chairing the meeting and noted apologies from members.

1. Minutes of Meeting held 8th November 2017.

The minutes of the previous meeting which had been circulated prior to the meeting were proposed by Charles Sargent, seconded by Henry Donovan and AGREED.

2. Discussion on Report on National Coastal Erosion Audit.

Hans Visser introduced Item No. 2 and made a summary presentation on the National Coastal Erosion Audit. Following on from this a discussion took place between the group and it was AGREED that Hans would update the group after his meeting with the CCMA next week.

3. Discussion on Procurement for Coastal Flooding Study/Works.

Hans Visser informed the group that 4 tenders had been received from suitable consultants who were all based in Ireland. Fingal County Council would hope to complete the selection process over the next couple of weeks. The timeline for this study is approximately 1 year. It would be hoped that options would be presented to local communities within 3 months of engagement of Consultants, a decision would be made as to what options are most viable and then more detail would be given. Risks would be identified and prioritised.

4. Howth/Clermont Beach – Discussion on concerns raised by local resident.

Hans Visser showed a slide of a wall in Howth where it has been requested that the Council repair same due to coastal erosion. He stated that as this is private property it is the responsibility of the Management Company to repair/rebuild. Fingal County Council has no responsibility here. Discussion took place and Cllr D. Healy stated that small scale erosion works needed to be undertaken and suggested that volunteers undertake this.

5. AOB

Charles Sargent enquired if there had been any further development in relation to the subject to Sandsavers. Hans Visser informed the meeting that he was unable to follow up on this at present.

Fintan Price enquired regarding the issue of coastal dumping on the north side of Rush. Hans stated that he had visited the area with Waste Management staff in order to assess the problem and this was now being dealt with by that Section.

Cllr. Mulville enquired as to Council policy of dead animals on the beach as there had been an incident of a dead seal. He was informed that this matter would need to be addressed by Operations.

Cllr. Healy suggested that Fingal would implement the policy objective in the county to implement a coastal erosion monitoring scheme. Hans replied that the Council is keen to implement this objective but due to time and staffing constraints this has not been implemented yet.

6. Date/Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 18th April 2018 at 4.00pm in County Hall, Swords.