

Coastal Liaison Group

Meeting No. 12

24th October 2018 – 4pm

The Brook, Public House, Portrane, co. Dublin

Councillors

Present

Apologies

Adrian Henchy
Brian Dennehy
Paul Mulville

David Healy
Barry Martin

Representatives
Community

Raymond Brett
Henry Donovan
Michael Moynihan
Fintan Price
Charles Sargent
Pat O'Brien

Michael Deegan

Council Officials

Kevin Halpenny (KH)
Hans Visser
Mick Carroll

Stephen Peppard

MINUTES

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 19th of September 2018 which had been circulated prior to the meeting were AGREED. Pat O'Brien from The Burrow Portrane mentioned that was not receiving the notifications of the meeting or the minutes. KH undertook to ensure that he would be contacted in relation to future meetings using his email address .

2. Update on coastal erosion audit report.

Kevin Halpenny advised the members that the audit report which had been submitted to Government and they were still awaiting a response. Kevin spoke of the need for national framework on coastal erosion and the provision of an audit as at present there was none in place. The members of the Coastal Liaison Group emphasised the need to highlight the need for appropriate legislation for dealing with Coastal Erosion issues in the context of the results of the audit. Councillor Brian Dennehy mentioned the recent Coastal Protection works in Laytown as a demonstration of Meath County Council's response to coastal erosion and recommended that members should visit Laytown to see the works for themselves.

3. Update and Site Visit to Emergency I measures at Burrow beachPortrane

Kevin updated the Liaison Group on the Temporary emergency measures at Portrane. He advised the group that the works would proceed and were expected to be completed by the end of November. He further emphasised that the "SeaBees" were not a final solution but rather an interim solution on an emergency basis. He confirmed and that the units were being installed to protect the wider peninsula and not just local properties along the section of beach . Raymond Brett raised some concerns in relation to the timing of the deliveries of the "SeaBees" and Kevin Halpenny agreed to review this relative to the urgency of having the works concluded in advance of the winter season and the possibility of further storm damage to the sand dunes. Kevin agreed to provide a photographic slide at the next Liaison Group meeting indicating the extent of the SAC at the burrow Beach. Councillor Mulville asked for a briefing in relation to the evacuated house at Healy's lane and Kevin provided an update on the situation regarding the house. Members of the Liaison requested that

access to the beach be considered in the context of the overall solution being designed. It was confirmed by Kevin Halpenny and Hans Visser that this would be addressed in the brief for the consultants. Michael Moynihan requested that he be provided with a key for the overhead barrier to the beach and a letter of indemnity for the temporary pedestrian access being provided. It was suggested by Pat O'Brien that the level of sand around the "SeaBees" should be monitored post installation to see if sand is being accreted. Hans Visser agreed to check this with the consultants and to revert to the Liaison Group in relation to this issue. Kevin Halpenny briefed the group that he was planning to have signage warning of the possibility of sand dune collapse erected along the relevant sections of beach. It was suggested that "Don't Climb on the SeaBees" notices should be stencilled onto the "SeaBees" preferably with the assistance of local schoolchildren.

4. Update on Fingal Coastal Monitoring programme

Kevin Halpenny referred to Councillor Healy's request to raise the issue of the requirement in the Fingal County Development Plan for a Fingal Coastal Monitoring Programme. It was agreed that Kevin Halpenny would bring a draft "Terms of Reference" for the programme to the next Coastal Liaison Meeting for discussion.

5. Date of next meeting.

The date was set for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 12th December in County Hall Swords.