

Coastal Liaison Group

Meeting No. 2

10th January 2017

Room 3a6, County Hall

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions for new members
- Minutes of Meeting held on 27th October 2016
- Report on National Audit of Policies/Objectives in relation to Coastal Erosion and Flooding Issues
- Date/Time of Next Meeting

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Minutes

Present: Councillors: P. Mulville, B. Dennehy, A. Henchy.

Council Officials: K. Halpenny, H. Visser, B. McClean, S. Peppard. Community Representatives: H. Donovan, P. O'Brien, P. Murphy, C. Sargent, D. Coakley, F. Price

Apologies: Councillors: B. Martin, D. Healy. Council Officials: G. Clabby

In attendance: Jackie Fowler (A/Staff Officer)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Mr. K. Halpenny welcomed the new Community members to the meeting and there was a round table introduction.

2. Minutes of meeting held on the 27th October 2016

The minutes of the meeting which were circulated at the meeting were discussed. Mr. K. Halpenny went through the minutes for the benefit of the new members drawing their attention to the Standing Orders & Ground Rules and Terms of Reference which were circulated to the members at the meeting. It was noted that the Standing Orders & Ground Rules and Terms of Reference had been agreed at the first meeting. It was agreed to discuss a more suitable day of the month for future meetings later in the meeting.

The members discussed the Terms of Reference, noting the following:

- Flooding and Coastal Erosion issues for Fingal has not been formally recorded prior to this and there is a need to accurately identify and record the issues.
- There is a need to develop a systematic approach to address, review and research the issues and to also take into account that there will be limitations e.g. legislation and remits, etc.

- The need for comprehensive research and consultation with local communities before preparing plans to address the issues.
- There is significant funding available to address the issues but clear and well researched plans will be required to successfully access funding.

3. Report on National Audit/Overview of Policies/Objectives in relation to Coastal Erosion and Flooding Issues

A Process for Addressing Coastal Erosion Policy Deficiencies document was circulated at the meeting.

Mr. H. Visser told the meeting that the County & City Managers Association (CCMA) are auditing all Coastal Counties (19). This Audit will lead to the formation of a National Policy to address these issues clearly and consistently.

Case Studies will be compiled and used to show where there are inconsistencies, areas of best practice, lessons learnt, etc. which will then inform the development of a national policy.

A proposed outcome from this Audit is to hold a Conference which will look at how other countries address similar issues.

The Members AGREED to make a 10 minute presentation for each of the areas they represent at the next meeting. Maps of Fingal will be provided to so that areas with issues can be identified. Members will detail the issues that affect these areas e.g. flooding risk, erosion, possible damage to/loss of house/s, what weather conditions cause different/more damaging outcomes, etc.

Mr. K. Halpenny thanked the Members for the informative and productive discussion at the meeting.

The meeting ended at 5.45 p.m.

4. Date/Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 22nd March 2017 at 4.00 p.m. in County Hall, Swords.

CHAIRPERSON

DATED



Establishment of Fingal Coastal Liaison Group

Reasons for Establishment of the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group

Response to ongoing concerns in relation to Coastal Erosion/Coastal Flooding in Fingal.

Need for Coherent Structured Response to these concerns and improved communication between relevant stakeholders.

To provide a forum for discussion of approaches to planning for and dealing with the problems of Coastal Erosion/Flooding .

Proposed Membership of Liaison Group

County Councillors (4)

- 2 Councillors each elected from the Swords/Balbriggan & Howth/Malahide Areas

Residents Group Representatives (6)

- 2 Local Residents from each of the affected areas i.e. Portrane (The Burrow), Sutton (Claremont Strand) and Rush (South Strand).

Council Officials (6)

- **Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept:**
- Senior Parks Superintendent, Heritage Officer, Biodiversity Officer, Administrative Officer
- **Operations Department:**
- SEO and/or Senior Executive Engineer from each of the affected areas.

Draft Terms of Reference for Fingal Coastal Liaison Group March 2016

To discuss and as far as possible address any matters of concern to the communities living in Rush, Portrane and Sutton in relation to coastal erosion and coastal flooding in these areas.

To review and make recommendations in relation to the management of coastal erosion and coastal flooding in Fingal.

To facilitate broader community participation in coastal, and natural resource management through informing and liaising with member community groups.

To foster opportunities for joint projects, information sharing and grant funding to address issues of concern in relation to coastal management.

Draft Terms of Reference for Fingal Coastal Liaison Group continued.

To provide best practice advice in accordance with the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan and other relevant policy documents in the context of integrated planning and management of the Fingal coastline.

To incorporate the latest knowledge on climate change into coastal planning to assist the Council with the integration of adaptation strategies into planning policies.

To review scientific advice and integrate this knowledge into the preparation and review of coastal management plans.