

Subject: Working Group Meeting

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Date: 03.11.15

Location: Fairbourne Village Hall

Present: Pete Cole (FFC)
Sylvia Stephenson (FFC)
Hugh Harrison (FFC)
Julian Kirkham (ACC)
Phil Parker (ACC)
Lisa Marshall (YGC)

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Item No	Action	By who	Date
1	Apologies received from Louise Pennington and Mark Wiles.		
2	<p>Project Spend</p> <p>LM reported that the project budget spend continued to look healthy with a budget of approximately £5.1k being available each month up until the end of this financial year.</p> <p>LM advised that a bid for £56k had been submitted to WG for the PAR and that this project was now being led by LM. The content of the PAR was discussed briefly and is detailed further in the minutes below.</p> <p>LM stated she would be visiting WG on Friday and would ask KK for an update on drawing-down the funding. She further stated that the pots of funding would be kept separate from YGC's main funding and would be used solely for the purpose of Fairbourne's designated projects.</p>		
3	<p>Use of the Welsh Language</p> <p>This matter continues to cause concern to the Working Group and members of the community. FFC stated that the issue would be raised at the forthcoming Project Board meeting however LM stated that HW would not be present on that occasion due to holiday commitments. LM raised the issue with HW who has stated he will get in touch with FFC to arrange a meeting.</p>	HW	Next meeting
4	<p>House Prices:</p> <p>LM and HD both stated they had received several enquiries from people considering purchasing a property in Fairbourne and this was deemed as good news as it would seem that the impact of web-based information is decreasing in terms of the role it plays in consideration of purchasing a property.</p> <p>To support this further, the group discussed possible questions to put onto a short 'FAQ' page on the Fairbourne: Moving Forward website, which would link to estate agents websites where properties are being advertised for sale in</p>		

	<p>Fairbourne. Suggested statement/questions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Can I get house insurance for my house in Fairbourne? b) I found something on the internet that said Fairbourne will be abandoned to the sea in 10 years time – is this true? c) Has Fairbourne ever been flooded? d) What effect did the storm of January 2014 have on Fairbourne? <p>LM will draft-up suitable responses for comment at the next Working Group meeting.</p> <p>LM still to contact Barclays and HSBC regional managers with a view to discussing difficulties obtaining a mortgage in Fairbourne, further.</p> <p>The group asked if property searches were now flagging-up that Fairbourne was subject to the SMP2? LM said she believed this was the case from August 2015 but would check. A copy of the text which is printed in the property search was also requested. LM to obtain and circulate to the group.</p> <p>The group felt that in view of the outcome from local estate agents and their view of valuing properties, it was now a case of tackling the independent property valuers/surveyors who were making assumptions on the future value of properties in the village and grossly under-valuing them accordingly. LM stated that we should be able to address this via RICS and would contact Dyfrig Sciencyn at the local representative for support with this.</p> <p>The group enquired whether it was possible for the SMP2 to be re-written in terms of sea level rises as opposed to epochs/years. This could go some way to addressing the issues relating to '40 years' etc. LM stated she would enquire if this was possible. (LM has subsequently enquired and was informed that as the SMP2 has been signed-off by the minister, it will remain in its current format).</p> <p>PC stated that Liz Saville Roberts (LSR) had spoken at Westminster regarding the 60 year rule of longevity on properties in order to obtain a mortgage. PC to provide copy of narrative from the meeting. PC also advised that LSR will be assisting him in arranging a meeting with Stephen Crabb – Secretary for state to discuss issues faced by the residents of Fairbourne.</p>	<p>LM</p> <p>LM</p> <p>LM</p> <p>PC</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p>
5	<p>Transportation Infrastructure: During the recent meeting between FFC and Carl Sargeant,</p>	PC	Next

	<p>this issue was raised. The minister undertook to ask that his officers research what was happening with the plans for SMP and the railway and to clarify issues relating to what has/hasn't been devolved. PC was invited to chase for a response had nothing been heard by a few weeks after that meeting. PC will be chasing the minister this week.</p> <p>LM stated that she had received a message from Richard Workhead (Welsh Audit Office) who had recently met with LM PC, stating that at a meeting he'd had with Network Rail, NR had stated their surprise at not being invited to become part of the project and they had received no communication from Gwynedd Council. LM replied to Richard stating this was absolutely not the case and that despite numerous attempts at varying levels, NR had failed to engage. LM committed to obtain the name of Richard's contact at NR with a view to linking them into the Fairbourne project.</p> <p>Discussions took place relating to the latest position on Barmouth Bridge. LM committed to look into this however there was no further update. JK advised that ACC have written to the Chief Executive of Gwynedd Council on the above subject, but have yet to receive a response.</p>	LM ACC	Meeting Next Meeting Next Meeting
6	<p>Frequently Asked Questions: The latest version of these were sent out bilingually which caused frustration amongst community members due to the waste of money involved in performing this unnecessary element of the task.</p> <p>Feedback was received that the FAQ is at times, difficult and too technical to read/understand. With this in mind and once FFC have re-organised the document, we will solicit feedback by way of a short questionnaire at the end of the FAQ asking if the layout and contents were appropriate and if not, how could this be improved. The outcome from this will then be applied to the next version of the FAQ's.</p>	LM/FFC	Next Meeting
7	<p>Flood Leaflet: LM had previously sent a copy of the 'Flooding – How does it affect me?' leaflet. FFC and ACC confirmed they would like a version producing for Fairbourne (not a generalised one). LM accepted this and agreed to produce a version for approval by those present and the Project Board.</p> <p>LM stated that this has not progressed due to lack of specialist resource and she would raise this issue internally.</p>	LM	TBA
8	<p>Next Public Event: No date has been fixed for this event as yet.</p>		
9	Procurement of Researcher to work alongside Fairbourne		

	<p>Projects: LM has been informed by WG that the researcher should be appointed w/c 19th October 2015.</p>		
10	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Update: Morfa Friog Gareth Evens from NRW provided an update for Morfa Friog, confirmed that the HRA Assent has been received and the proposed Method Statement is being reviewed by NRW's Marine Licensing team. Works will hopefully occur on site in early November.</p> <p>Update: Friog Corner Gareth Evens, NRW Asset System Management team leader, states the consultant's report is complete (including input from Huw Davies of YGC) and an internal meeting is arranged for 29th September to review how the preferred option can be funded and when it will be delivered. It was requested that the report be shared with the community prior to releasing to the press.</p> <p>Update Required: Ground Water Monitoring The second annual survey of the shingle bank had just been completed by drone (an aerial photograph of the estuary was circulated). The second annual intertidal topographic survey had just been completed. All boreholes (10) and stilling wells (4) had been installed and that levelling and initial download was programmed for later in the month.</p> <p>Query: Properties falling into disrepair LM had arranged for a building inspector and environmental health to attend the building in questions and no concerns were identified. We are yet to hear from the pollution inspector regarding the state of the property. LM will publish these findings along with the process for reporting such matters in the future and the council's position on this matter, to the group. This will undoubtedly be included within the PAR.</p> <p>Query: Gwynedd Council's position on re-homing of migrants Could vacant properties be used to re-home migrants, given the current crisis? Gwynedd has confirmed it is 'poised to play their part in supporting refugee children and their families'. LM advised that this is possibly a politically-led matter and likely to take a while to filter down.</p> <p>Query: Anxiety-related support Julie Turnpenney from FFC attended the meeting and spoke about this issue in depth. She provided information on a scheme called the Cardiff Traumatic Stress Initiative which</p>	<p>HD</p> <p>LM</p> <p>LM</p> <p>LM</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p>

	<p>provided useful information. LM committed to speak with Shirley Huws (GC) to ascertain if such a provision exists within Gwynedd's own Emergency Plan and if not, what could be done. LM to revert accordingly.</p> <p>Query: RAF Training Centre, Fairbourne</p> <p>LM stated that she had spoken with Flt Lt Darren Fox to ascertain the situation. It would appear that the centre is due to close on 2nd December 2015 and up until that time only 2 staff would be required. As yet, there are no plans for any other organisation to take over the premises, although there have been some enquiries from Llanbedr Air Cadets, who would bring their own staff with them. It should be noted that there are no agreements in place currently for any other organisation to take over the centre.</p>		
11	<p>Dates of forthcoming Working Group Meetings: All to be held at Fairbourne Village Hall</p> <p>Tuesday 3rd November 2015, 11am Tuesday 8th November 2015, 11am Tuesday 19th January 2016, 11am Tuesday 16th February 2016, 11am Tuesday 22nd March 2106, 11am</p>		