

**Subject:** Masterplan Working Group

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**Location:** Council Offices, Dolgellau

**Present:** Pete Cole (FFC)  
 Phil Parker (ACC)  
 Julian Kirkham (ACC)  
 David Peet (FCC)  
 Huw Davies (YGC)  
 Cefin Edwards (YGC)  
 Lisa Marshall (YGC)  
 Greg Guthrie (RH)

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Item No	Action	By who	Date
1	LM opened the meeting thanking those present for attending and stating that the meeting today would be based around how to present the concept of the Masterplan to the community at the public event on Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2016.		
2	<p>The aim of the working group is to produce a Masterplan that provides a detailed and planned response to change whilst taking account of a great number of uncertainties. The Masterplan will create opportunities for innovation in terms of the following aspects: Communication, social, economic, emergency planning, environmental and legislation. Lessons learned from these 'learning events' will be communicated back to the Welsh Government to inform future planning and legislation.</p> <p>Objectives of the Masterplan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To install confidence that Fairbourne is being defended for the next 40 years (from 2014) based upon current scientific information available;</li> <li>• To support the vitality of Fairbourne during this time;</li> <li>• To achieve the best possible outcomes for the community of Fairbourne, and;</li> <li>• To provide a variety of options which will in turn, provide the residents of Fairbourne with a degree of choice.</li> </ul> <p>These objectives to be communicated to the audience at the forthcoming public event.</p>		
3	<p><b>Questions asked by the group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When communicating with the public, can we clearly and simply explain the various locations referred to in the SMP2 document? Response was – yes of</li> </ul>		

	<p>course this can be done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What legislation currently exists to support the implementation of the SMP2?</li> <li>• Why were the problems now being faced by the community, not foreseen or considered prior to signing-off of the SMP2?</li> </ul> <p>Research into the latter two questions will be undertaken and reported back when available.</p>	LM	Next Meeting
4	<p><b>Reporting in Epochs v Sea Level Rise:</b></p> <p>The question was raised whether we could communicate the Masterplan in terms of sea level rises as opposed to the existing epochs?</p> <p>GG had produced four pages for display at the event which explained in simplified detail, the various risks of flooding to Fairbourne. GG talked through these pages and the group challenged accordingly. Some amendments would be made but on the whole, the group were happy that this was a suitable communication mechanism for the audience.</p>		
5	<p><b>Issues relating to the public event – 22.01.16:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LM to check contents of GG’s and NRW’s presentations for the public event to ensure that both complement each other and not contradict anything in the Friog Cliff Study.</li> <li>• LM stated that Cllr John Wynn Jones would open the presentation and would be at the event for the whole day. His opening address would contain a couple of sentences in Welsh with the remainder following in English.</li> <li>• The Buy to Let project should be brought-up under the Masterplan, as it is actually an option of the Masterplan, as is the MEDRA Counselling Service.</li> <li>• We should state that the Masterplan possesses challenges that have not been encountered before and that this situation is unprecedented. A great deal of the answers we are looking for, don’t exist.</li> <li>• What needs to be decommissioned from a civil engineering perspective?</li> </ul>		
6	<p><b>Political Support:</b></p> <p>LM relayed the contents of the letter she had received from Lesley Griffiths AM, stating that she was unable to attend</p>		

	<p>the event on 22.01.16. As Ms Griffiths had stated she'd instructed her office to keep a watching-brief, It was suggested that LM contact her office to obtain the name and contact details of the relevant officer with a view to making contact with them and requesting advice and guidance on related issues.</p>	LM	Next Meeting
7	<p><b>Other stakeholders to be invited:</b> LM asked the group if they felt the attendance of any other stakeholders to the group, would be helpful. It was felt that someone from the NHS (possibly the local health board) and Welsh Government Housing would be advantageous. LM stated she had already written to Lesley Griffiths AM, with a view to arranging a meeting to discuss the project further and request support from WG.</p>		
8	<p><b>Date of next Masterplan meeting:</b>  Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016, 1.30pm, Dolgellau Office</p>		