

# Minutes of Meeting held on 1 February 2022 on Zoom



In attendance:

DR	Cllr	David	Ritchie	ESC (Chair)		AA		Alison	Andrews	AOCP
ASt		Alysha	Stockman	CPE (minutes)		MF		Madeline	Fallon	CPE
KT		Karen	Thomas	CPE		SR		Sharon	Richardson	CPE
RR	Cllr	Russ	Rainger	ESC		JC		James	Cochrane	CPE
DB	Cllr	David	Beavan	SCAR / ESC		AR		Andy	Rouse	BCP
GN	Cllr	Graham	Newman	SCC		DS		David	Spray	MMO
SA		Simon	Amstutz	SCH AONB		ASm		Andy	Smith	DEP
RS		Richard	Steward	BEP			Cllr	Keith	Patience	ESC
MJ		Mark	Johnson	EA				Adam	Rowlands	RSPB
SB		Sharon	Bleese	CPE				Thomas	Yeung	CPE
SK		Sam	Kench	NE				Tom	Chalker	CPE
TB		Tim	Beach	AOCP		KB		Kevin	Burgess	Jacobs
TC	Cllr	Tony	Cooper	ESC				Beatriz	Serato	Jacobs
		Colin	Nicholson	RDA		VD		Vicky	Deakin	Mott MacDonald
VG		Vanessa	Gouldsmith	NE		JL		John	Lavery	Mott MacDonald
JF		Jaap	Flikweert	RFCC						

Apologies: Christine Block (DEP), Julian Gregory (Eastern IFCA), Greg Hall (Anglian Water), Rob Wise (NFU)

1.	Welcome and introductions	The Chair shared a round of introductions.
2.	Corton and Gunton Options Appraisal	<p>KB updated the Forum on the Corton and Gunton Options Appraisal.</p> <p>MJ asked regarding the plans for dialogue with the EA around funding, how that will be taken forward.</p> <p>KB added Jacobs are doing more work on the economics with CPE to build up more information. The intent is to then have initial dialogue with the EA over the coming weeks.</p> <p>SB agreed and added the conversation will need to happen before speaking to businesses along the frontage.</p> <p>SK asked for a copy of the presentation to discuss with NE's responsible officer for the SSSI. SK added NE would welcome further discussions on implications to the SSSI going forward.</p> <p>SB agreed.</p> <p><b>ACTION: CPE to share presentation with SK</b></p> <p>AA added these types of reviews are helpful to raise awareness of the dynamic Suffolk coast.</p> <p>The Chair added CPE are working with Planners on a shared Supplementary Planning Document for the Coastal Change Management Area in Norfolk and Suffolk.</p>
3.	Pakefield Options Appraisal	<p>JL updated the Forum on the Pakefield Options Appraisal.</p> <p>VD shared the work Mott MacDonald have done looking at the Habitats Regulations Assessment and Water Framework Directives.</p> <p>SB added due to the impacts caused by recent weather the team are in contact with Building Control to get their advice on whether it is safe to demolish one of the properties. There is an access road immediately behind the properties at risk therefore</p>

		<p>the team need to act quickly on a longer-term solution. The activities on the timeline in the presentation will be done in parallel as much as possible.</p> <p>The virtual room will be updated with the preferred options to gain the community's views. <a href="https://pakefield.virtualconsultation.co.uk/">https://pakefield.virtualconsultation.co.uk/</a></p> <p>The Chair asked why the erosion boundaries stop at the northern end. JL confirmed the erosion boundaries have been defined for the area of interest from the south of the caravan park to the edge of the access road. Beyond that the beach is significantly wider.</p>
4.	AONB landscape lens	<p>SA share the landscape lens is a National Lottery Heritage Funded citizen science project being delivered through the AONB. The AONB have been given £129k spread across 5 years and enables the AONB to employ a staff member on a part time basis to deliver the project. The project is about raising awareness of the coast and AONB but also look at some of the changes happening.</p> <p>One element is around fixed point photography and the AONB officer has been identifying areas for this and negotiating with landowners around suitability of sites. This includes if there is something of interest to monitor and if it is an area visitors can get to. The AONB have also been looking at the platforms available for people to upload their photographs to compare changes and analyse in more detail. The AONB are hoping to extend this project beyond the five years.</p> <p>Later this year, the AONB will be looking at further public engagement and awareness around the project including through social media, guided walks, events, and the AONB newspaper.</p> <p>The project is to raise awareness around coastal and agricultural changes and inform some of the AONB's thinking around its management plan and objectives. The project will also aim to engage different members of the community in some of the AONB's issues. More information is available on the website (<a href="https://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/managing/projects/nlhf-50/">https://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/managing/projects/nlhf-50/</a>) or Forum members can contact SA to get in touch with the officer delivering the project.</p> <p>ASm asked if the landscape lens project covers more than just the coast. SA agreed and added the project is funded across two AONBs (Dedham Vale and Suffolk Coast and Heaths). Many of the fixed points will not be looking at coastal change. Sa has been speaking with Christine at DEP about their similar project.</p>
6.	SMP Refresh and EA Strategy	<p>MJ shared the East Anglian Coastal Group has a role to play in delivering a lot of the actions required on the coast from the national strategy. This includes delivering the required actions from the SMP Refresh project. The online SMP Explorer tool is being taken forward and the National Coastal Erosion Risk Management is going through a review phase.</p>
7.	Updates from partners	<p><b>Bawdsey Coastal Partnership</b> – AR added BCP started their photo post projects along the Bawdsey frontage with four posts placed in consultation with Helene Burningham at UCL. The areas of interest are the changing knolls in the mouth of the Deben and pinch points north of East Lane.</p> <p><b>Deben Estuary Partnership</b> – ASm added the DEP have acquired funding from the EA Championing Coastal Coordination project to do photo posts and beach level monitoring. DEP Ltd have been given CIL funding to do preparatory work in flood cell 1. DEP are working with East Suffolk Council Planners and CPE on the Deben Estuary Plan.</p> <p><b>Stour &amp; Orwell Estuaries Management Group</b> – SA is talking to the AONB officer that supports the facilitation of that group to get some representation on the Forum.</p> <p><b>Suffolk Coast &amp; Heaths AONB</b> – SA shared the AONB grants programme has recently opened. The annual AONB newsletter is being put together. Suffolk County Council have recently advertised for an England Coast Path Officer. The AONB is looking again to convene a number of people around getting messaging out to people about appropriate behaviours when they are in the countryside.</p>

		<p><b>Coastal Partnership East</b> – KT shared following the recent storm events there has been significant damage around the coast. The LGA Coastal SIG working group on adaptation are meeting next week to look at adaptation actions coming out of the FCERM strategy action plan. CPE's Innovative Resilience Fund Outline Business Case is being drafted. The Lowestoft Project construction is progressing and the team are working on the tidal barrier business case. Peter Jermany will be joining the team to support on the SMP work.</p>
8.	Suggested agenda items for future meetings	<p>The Chair noted that the Energy Projects team will present at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Chair suggested the joint Supplementary Planning Document. SB agreed to ask Rob Goodliffe who is leading on the work.</p> <p>SB asked if there is anything coming out of the Coastal Chairs or NCERM. MJ agreed to speak to Rob Goodliffe about NCERM for the autumn Forum meeting.</p> <p>SB added by the next meeting, CPE will have submitted the Outline Business Case for the Norfolk and Suffolk Coast Transition Programme and suggested an update on this.</p> <p><i>Suggestions post meeting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>AR suggested an update on the Coast Path from Natural England, including explaining the decision to extend it to a coast and river path project; what issues and tensions are perceived on encouraging public access into SSSI areas; how the tourism / access remit fits with NE's responsibilities to protect the biodiversity of the natural environment; dangers around cliff collapse, tidal cut off and flooding, intermittent access, and hazardous beach structures etc.; key compromises, challenges and mitigation measures are foreseen for these issues</i></li> <li>• <i>AR suggested an AONB update on the extent and focus of their mission to educate the public on Countryside Access, Code of Conduct, dog walking, litter etc.</i></li> <li>• <i>AA suggested an update on the England Coast Path</i></li> <li>• <i>AA suggested reports of the use made of the CCC grants to encourage others /open up ideas as to what coastal communities can do (similar to the AONB landscape lens presentation). This could be a topic for a workshop at the conference.</i></li> </ul>
9.	Previous minutes	The Forum approved the minutes of the previous meeting.
10.	Any Other Business	None.