

AGENDA

		Lead	Approx. Timing
1	Welcome and Introductions	Cllr Harry Blathwayt	5
2	Previous Minutes: Meeting of 11 th July 2023	Cllr Harry Blathwayt	5
3	East Anglia Coastal Group Chair Update	Karen Thomas	10
4	East Anglian Coast & Estuaries Conference	James Cochrane, CPE	10
5	Look back at and commemoration of 2013	David Kemp, EA	35
Break			10
6	Fisheries Management Plans	Julian Gregory, Eastern IFCA	20
7	Updates from partners	All	10
8	Date of next meeting – 5 th March 2024 • Request/proposal for items	Cllr Harry Blathwayt	5
9	Any Other Business	Cllr Harry Blathwayt	10
Close			

Supporting officers:

Karen Thomas, CPE
Brian Farrow, CPE/NNDC
Fiona Keenaghan, CPE/NNDC
Rob Goodliffe, NNDC
Charles Krolik-Root, CPE/GYBC
Thomas Walker, CPE/NNDC
Sharon Richardson, CPE
Alysha Stockman, CPE

Invited speakers

Julian Gregory, Eastern IFCA
David Kemp, EA
James Cochrane, CPE



NORFOLK COAST FORUM

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday, 11th July 2023, 10.00 am
Via Zoom

Present

Members

Cllr Harry Blathwayt (Chairman)	Cabinet Portfolio Member for the Coast
Cllr Angie Fitch-Tillett	Poppyland Ward, NNDC
Cllr Dr Ed Maxfield	Norfolk County Council
Cllr Jill Boyle	Cromer Town Ward, NNDC
Cllr Liz Withington	Sheringham North Ward, NNDC
Cllr Luke Paterson	Happisburgh Ward, NNDC
Cllr Michael De Walley	Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk
Cllr Pauline Porter	Bacton Ward, NNDC
Cllr Richard Price	Norfolk County Council
Cllr Sandra Squire	Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk
Cllr Tim Adams	Cromer Town Ward, NNDC
Cllr Wendy Fredericks	Mundesley Ward, NNDC

Officers

Brian Farrow	Coastal Partnership East
Charles Krolik-Root	Coastal Partnership East
Dr Sophie Day	Coastwise
Fiona Keenaghan	Coastal Partnership East
Joshua Walpole	Coastal Partnership East/Resilient Coasts
Karen Thomas	Coastal Partnership East/Chair of the East Anglian Coastal Group
Laura Winter	Coastal Partnership East/Resilient Coasts
Lauren Gregory	Democratic Services, NNDC
Lisa Mills	Coastal Partnership East
Peter Jermany	Coastal Partnership East
Rob Goodliffe	Coastwise
Sharon Bleese	Coastal Partnership East (minutes)
Tamzen Pope	Coastal Partnership East
Thomas Walker	Coastal Partnership East
Trazar Astley-Reid	Coastal Partnership East/Resilient Coasts

Also Attending

Alexandra Hooper	Stiffkey Parish Council
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Bridget Marr	Environment Agency
Catherine Harries	Environment Agency
Duncan Baker	MP
Gordon Partridge	Overstrand Parish Council
Harriet Fitzpatrick	
Henry Cator	Country Land and Business Association (EAST)
Jaap Flikweert	Anglian (Eastern) RFCC Coastal rep
Kristina Gurova	Eastern IFCA
Lisa Turner	Environment Agency
Mareth Bassett	Environment Agency/Anglian (Eastern) RFCC
Maria Withington	
Marie-Pierre Tighe	Broads Authority
Michael Gurney	
Peter Rutherford	
Peter Terrington	Sediment Advisory Group
Philip Pearson	RSPB
Sara Bristow	County Officer, Norfolk ALC
Terry Brown	Trimingham Parish Council
Tim O’Riordan	UEA
Vanessa Gouldsmith	Natural England
Victoria	
William Athill	Norfolk Seaweed
WNBC Parish	

1.	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>New Chair. Cllr Harry Blathwayt North Norfolk District Council Portfolio Holder for Coastal Management welcomed attendees to the new round of meetings.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies and minutes</p> <p>Apologies: None</p> <p>Presentations will be included with meeting notes and the meeting was recorded for full details and to listen again, follow this LINK – using passcode 7M?8&q5Z.</p> <p>No issues with minutes from last meeting – minutes passed.</p>
3.	<p>RSPB – East Coast Wetlands – Philip Pearson</p> <p>Presentation included with the meeting notes. Presentation set out the process of the application to become a World Heritage Site, an update on progress and next steps, including the need to build further support through the nomination process.</p> <p>Brief pause. Cllr Blathwayt welcomed late arrivals and recommended that people take the time to review the meeting recording to take advantage of the full presentation.</p> <p>Questions</p> <p>Peter Terrington: is there any merit of extending the flyway to both sides of North Sea</p> <p>Response: Important to include buffer zone.</p> <p>It will need to be a national submission and will need to specify area in UK but will be seeking collaboration with other countries and have already explored other countries. Will be exploring how they work with other sites. Looking at what buffer means and what that can look like.</p>

	<p>William Athill: are you going to be working with other agencies to provide funding coming into local people and local landowners? Can see this bringing money to bodies such as RSPB. Don't see much about local communities benefitting.</p> <p>Response: Won't be an RSPB submission this needs to be a local authority submission. Clearly we need to work with the local communities. All about conversation and collaboration, taking the experience of others, translating this into UK context. Believe that there are opportunities for benefits to others. Will take this away.</p> <p>Additional point - footfall: worries/concerns about footfalls. Infrastructure around footfall needs considering.</p> <p>Response: Agreeing with that point that's why we have that large scale. Considering the infrastructure and promoting value. Taking learning from others such as Denmark. Learning from their use of zoning. How that can be used to help alleviate pressure.</p> <p>Michael De Whalley: Planning and working for future predicted climate change and challenges between human requirements and natural world]</p> <p>Response: This will be part of the ongoing progress and evidence base. Important we work with communities and their wants and needs and what opportunities there are for adapting the sites. Ongoing discussion and important to get more people involved to adapt the final product. Working how valuing the coast can support sustainability.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Environment Agency update Catherine Harries Presentation included with meeting notes. Presentation set out updates on Sea Palling, Eccles Sea Walls, routine works.</p> <p>Cllr Richard Price: when officers do inspections in Eccles please can they liaise with parish council chair who can feed back to the community?</p> <p>Response: Will pass this back to the team to action in future. Catherine will feedback an email address for any concerns to be raised in future.</p> <p>Cllr Harry Blathwayt – understand NE are the enforcing body for sand dunes. Does the EA have any plans to help with sand dune degradation. (Waxham)?</p> <p>Response: In some locations where dunes act as primary flood defence sometimes take action to property owners if they are digging into the defence much difficult if this is related to tourism activities. Difficult to enforce. If environmental concerns this is NE.</p> <p>Peter Terrington: regarding silting up of sluices regarding Glaven and Stiffkey accretion of silt coming through sluices</p> <p>Response: Unsure, may be picked up by coastal monitoring or water quality assessments might monitor. Will take this away and get a response.</p> <p>William Athill; in answer to mouth of Stiffkey – doesn't see silt coming down the sluice. Not a lot of silt not coming down. Don't see any silting up of outfall at Stiff Quay.</p> <p>Philip Pearson: East coast linking into East Coast Flyway looking at how any flood defence works might be tied into any opportunities and beach nesting birds. Stretch between Eccles and Winterton would there be any opportunities?</p> <p>Response: yes we always try to include environmental enhancements into schemes. Will have further discussions. Suggested Merle Leeds. Will hand over contact details to Merle.</p> <p>Lisa Turner, Water Quality in North Norfolk Presentation included with meeting notes. Presentation covered water quality and monitoring for North Norfolk. Also highlighted a pollution incident hotline.</p> <p>Peter Terrington: Wells. Particular difficult situation two sluices running into harbour run off from the quay and pump out from the yachts, incident with a commercial vessels wildlife geese etc. is sampling point in the same place?</p> <p>Response: Sampling point is set when the bathing water is accepted as bathing water. Numerous work been done in various area.</p> <p>Wendy Fredricks: ward member for Mundesley involved with Anglian Water and involved in sewage incident recently. Struggled to get EA out to the incident this seems wrong. AW wanted to open the day after. Council officers did not want to open beach worried about EA taking AW readings and the powers EA have. Concerned about AW's attitude. Mundesley has been blighted by AW and blue flag has been affected. AW will only test water not sand</p>

	<p>samples and hard standing and this is where the ammonia was. Don't trust figures given to EA by AW. Incredibly upsetting that blue flag lost for 4 years. System broken as relying on AW figures. Why can't they have blue flag back if they have had two clear readings?</p> <p>Response: Blue Flag has gone because of a different issue. EA looks at environmental impact not human health and don't rely only on AW results. Bathing waters are sampled over 10 readings. Have been taken consistently. Legislation sets out how the monitoring is done.</p> <p>William Athill: EDNA are you differentiating between human DNA and animal DNA? Human DNA is relating to norovirus can't get norovirus from animal DNA. I would like EA to differentiate between the two. Have robot coming to deploy in harbour and seaweed farm. Grabbing DNA fairly easy but it's the analysis of water sample that is expensive. EA should pay for the analysis.</p> <p>Response: Have little funding or resource. Discussion to be taken offline.</p> <p>Cllr Sandra Squire; portfolio holder for West Norfolk for Environment. Is it true that once seagulls start eating human food lines blur? How many pollution incidents are prosecuted as EA have limited resources and funding?</p> <p>Response: Not known about birds DNA – will take away. Yes, do prosecute where they can. Can take some time to prosecute, many take years. There are other ways.</p> <p>Prosecuted Anglian Water at Jaywick recently. Can take up to four years. Would like more resources and funding but only nine covering Norfolk and Suffolk.</p>
5.	<p>East Anglian Coastal Group update</p> <p>Karen Thomas Presentation provided with meeting notes. Presentation covers what is happening nationally and regionally along the coast to deliver coastal management.</p> <p>Peter Terrington: group called sediment working group would be very interested in reviewing sediment erosion and transport can you keep me updated. Both natural and human induced?</p> <p>Response: Initial approach will be about valuing the sediment linking with coast wise hop is that Mike Walkden can extend work he has been doing into Suffolk and see how his previous work in Norfolk can extend to give a full/broader view. Talk more about that and opportunities to link up.</p>
6.	<p>CPE update</p> <p>Charles – presentation available with meeting notes Brian – presentation available with meeting notes</p>
7.	<p>Coastwise update Rob Goodliffe and Dr Sophie Day</p> <p>Presentation available with meeting notes. Rob called for questions that people have about Coastwise and north Norfolk coast to help them to build an FAQ. coastwise@north-norfolk.gov.uk</p>
8.	<p>East Anglian Coast and Estuary Conference update</p> <p>Sharon Bleese - presentation available with meeting notes</p>
8.	<p>Date of next meeting –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 14th November

9.	Any other business: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was no further business.
10.	The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. _____ Chairman