



River Crouch Estuary Coastal Community Team

Inaugural Meeting

Monday 25th January 2016 at 1.00 pm

Held at The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Burnham on Crouch

Meeting Notes

Present:

Russell Everard	Maldon District Council
Doug MacEwan	Crouch Area Yachting Federation Clubs
Paula Chapman	Rochford District Council
Cheryl Milton-White	Rochford District Council
Sophie Manus	Rochford District Council
Ken Wickham	Roach Sailing Association
Jack Ellum	Maldon District Council
Dean Border	Baltic Distribution
Cllr June Lumley	Rochford District Council
Keith Powell	Dengie Enterprise Support
Parish Cllr Richard Kirton	Canewdon Parish Council
Shirley Kirton	Resident
Keith Batchelor	Sailor
Devon Lawson	Maldon District Council
Keith Williams	Burnham Review
Nick Fenwick	Maldon District Council
Natalie Holt	RSPB
John Cleary	Visteon Electronics
Parish Cllr Glen Dryhurst	Hullbridge Parish Council
Cllr Ron Pratt	Burnham Town Council
Catherine Palmer	Chelmsford City Council
Paul Haworth	Dengie Hundred Bus Users Group
Cllr Terry Cutmore	Rochford District Council

Apologies:

Elizabeth Rose – RCCE
Dominique Keogh – ECC
Louise Best – Resident
Kim Hughes – Riverside Village Holiday Park
Sam Martin – Essex Marina

Debbie Knifton – Brandy Hole Restaurant
Justin Curtis – Brandy Hole Moorings
Clement Freeman - The Crouch Association of Yachtsman and Fisherman
Matt Harwood-White – Rochford District Council
Cllr Penny Channer – Leader, Maldon District Council
Cllr Maddie Thompson – Maldon District Council
Susan Harrison – Crouch Harbour Authority
Cllr Julia Jeapes – Chelmsford City Council

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Cllr Pratt welcomes all, all attendees introduce themselves.

2. Election of CCT Chairman & Vice Chairman

- Dean Border nominated and unanimously elected as Chair
- Keith Williams nominated and unanimously elected as Vice Chair *

* Post meeting note: Keith Williams has since resigned as Vice Chair and therefore a formal vote will be held at next meeting to reappoint to this position.

3. Terms of Reference

- TOR agreed
- Suggested and agreed that the River Crouch CCT would also have a Steering/Management Group although the group discussed and agreed that this group and the agenda for this group would be different from the group established for Maldon & Blackwater Estuary CCT. It was agreed that the following membership would be appropriate:
 - 3 x Elected Members
 1. Maldon District Council to confirm
 2. Cllr Mike Steptoe, Rochford
 3. Cllr Julia Jeapes, Chelmsford
 - 3 x Business (Private Sector)
 1. Dean Border
 2. Keith Powell
 3. Ken Wickham
 - 2 x Voluntary / Heritage Sector
 1. Elizabeth Rose, RCCE
 2. Rev Mark North
 - 2 x Sailing Club
 1. Doug MacEwen
 2. Tony Pitt
 - 1 x Environment
 1. Natalie Holt, RSPB

Parish Councils have also been invited to express an interest, should they wish to join this group.

4. The Economic Plan

- Late comments from Policy and Planning at RDC were raised for discussion. Various amendments, changes and improvements to the plan were discussed in detail and agreed by all at the meeting. The Approved Plan to be submitted to DCLG by Maldon District Council on 29th January

5. Linkages with existing projects

- Jack gave an overview of current projects being initiated in Maldon, for which other sources of funding had been secured, this has given Maldon the capacity to focus and develop these projects.
- In regards to the River Crouch CCT, the Economic Plan and Action Plan will enable future funding to be sourced.

6. Allocation of Grant

- There were a number of suggestions put forward and two were agreed by the group, The remaining River Crouch funding of £4,000 will be divided, £2,000 will be spent on the production and distribution of an information leaflet about the River Crouch and the other £2,000 will be used as a contribution towards commissioning a cycle feasibility study for a cycle route to access the River Crouch and Wallasea Island via Rochford Town and train station. This study will also be match funded by Rochford District Council.

7. Next steps

- Details for both Steering Group Meeting and River Crouch CCT group meeting will be circulated.

8. Any other business

There was none.

9. Close

Meeting closed at 3.30 pm.