



River Crouch Estuary Coastal Community Management Team

Meeting

Wednesday 6th July 2016 at 1.00 pm

Held at the Combined Military Services Museum

Meeting Notes

Present:

Dean Border DB Chairman	Baltic Distribution (late arrival)
Russell Everard RE	Maldon District Council
Doug MacEwen DM	Crouch Area Yachting Federation Clubs (Vice Chair)
Paula Chapman PC	Rochford District Council
Cheryl Milton-White CMW	Rochford District Council
Sarah Sanctuary SS	ECC
Ken Wickham KW	Roach Sailing Association
Jack Ellum JE	Maldon District Council
Cllr June Lumley CJL	Rochford District Council
Natalie Holt NH	RSPB
Rev Mark North	
Sophie Manus SM	Rochford District Council

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

- Doug MacEwen welcomed all, attendees introduced themselves.

Apologies from: Cllr Julia Jeapes – Chelmsford City Council, Cllr Penny Channer– Maldon DC, Lizzie Rose - RCCE, Keith Powell – Dengie Enterprise Support

2. River Crouch Guide – Update on distribution and Launch event

2000 of the River Crouch Guide leaflets have been produced. The group discussed and agreed various outlets for distribution across and outside of the guide area. Members were allocated leaflets to give to various distribution contacts. A web version will be available to upload to websites, including Visit Essex to. As a live document, updates will be required with each reprint. **Action** JE price for reprint.

The group discussed a guide launch event is to be held. Both a venue and date need to be confirmed and an invitation to Mark Francois as Communities Minister. **Action:** RDC will invite MP Mark Francois. MDC will invite MP John Whittingdale. DB will look into extending an invite to MP Priti Patel

The group also discussed the idea of future sponsorship, as this will be an ongoing issue the guide to be agenda item at future meetings.

3. Rochford Cycling Feasibility Study – Update on progress

PC updated that the feasibility study has now been completed and a number of routes identified including, Rochford Station to Wallasea and Battlesbridge to Wallasea. There were a few minor amendments to be made to the document once this is completed by ECC the study will be circulated. Funding streams will need to be identified and bids produced to allow for progression, Thurrock recently received £5million for a cycle path project which demonstrates funding for such schemes is achievable.

4. Young Entrepreneurs Event – Update

CMW explained that this years event, on 14th June and was again sponsored by RDC. The theme was the River Crouch, attracting visitors and promoting cross river events. 60 young people attended and had to complete a number of tasks, including producing 30 second films/adverts, (adverts to be shown at next meeting).

RDC are keen to arrange for the winning team to have an opportunity to re-shoot their advert on the river. **Action:** DM and KW to assist in arranging this with CMW and PC.

5. CCF Round 4 – Stage One Bids

RE provided an update on CCF bids by Maldon DC and ECC. These are 'Project Samphire', a £376k bid and 'Unlocking the Essex Coast Path', a £750k bid. Submitted on 30 June and it is expected that an invitation to submit in Stage 2 will take around 2 months, (copies of the bids are to remain confidential). There was some discussion in the group that it was disappointing that the Maldon bid had not been discussed at the previous CCT meeting, as letters of support were requested from the Chair, therefore in the spirit of partnership working funding stream bids will be discussed. To that end RDC are looking to submit in CCF Round 5 for the cycling project.

6. Future Projects

The group discussed future projects for the CCT and how we could progress our Action Plan. Four projects have been identified as project themes:

- Young People being invited to produce a River Crouch video that compliments the guide.
- Establishing events, festivals for the River Crouch.
- Footpaths, identifying and mapping shorter circular routes (5k and under).
- South Woodham Ferrers access to River Crouch.

To be discussed at full CCT and volunteers requested to participate.

7. Work Plan 2016/17 See Agenda Point 6

8. Next Steps

9. Management Meeting Wednesday 21 September, 1pm at RSPB Wallasea

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Management Meeting Thursday 17 November, 1pm at St Mary's Church, Woodham Ferrers

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10. AOB

11. **Close** Meeting closed at 2.30pm

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