



## Maldon & Blackwater Estuary Coastal Community Team Management Team Meeting



Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017, Maldon District Council, Princes Road, Maldon

### Meeting Notes

#### Present:

Marian Gibson	MG	Meeting Chairman - Saint Lawrence Parish Council
Cllr Lew Schnurr	LS	Heybridge Parish Council
Phin Franklin	PF	Tollesbury Marina
Anthony Sinclair	AS	Friends of Heybridge Lakes
Mike Sandison	MS	Essex Wildlife Trust
Russell Everard	RGE	Maldon District Council

#### Apologies:

Cllr Brenda Harker, Gerry Gibbs, Julia Bourn, Fiona Marshall, Nicky Spurr, Cllr Penny Channer, and Cllr Andrew St Joseph, Paul Jeffries.

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

- Marian opened the meeting and invited introductions.

#### 2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

- Anthony Sinclair requested that his membership of the Blackwater Sailing Club Management Committee be noted.

#### 3. Notes from previous meeting

- The meeting notes were approved.

#### 4. Review of actions from previous meeting

- It was understood that the Chairman was to arrange an informal meeting with the owners of Heybridge Lakes'. LS confirmed that Heybridge Parish Council was to seek designation of the site as a nature reserve, in accordance with the 1949 act, at the earliest opportunity. LS was to review the legal position and report back to the next meeting.

#### Actions:

- LS to meet with Paul Jeffries and draft an action plan prior to next Management Team meeting.

#### 5. Actions from the AGM

- It was noted that Gerry Gibbs had since resigned from the Management Team, and that there were (3) vacancies for representatives from the business sector, heritage and

voluntary sector. It was agreed that RGE would approach Julia Bourn, Goldhanger Parish Council to seek her interest in representing the voluntary sector, and the Maldon Society to seek their support for the heritage position. It was understood that Paul Jeffries would be making enquiries regarding the business sector representatives.

- It was agreed that a representative from the Management Team would speak at the next Planning & Licensing Committee when matters relating to the Hythe Quay waterfront would be discussed, as part of the Master Plan consultations.

## **6. CCT Economic Plan - Review & Update**

- RGE reminded the Team that the Team's Economic Plan needed to be reviewed and then presented to the Planning & Licensing Committee for endorsement.

## **7. Historic Waterfront Revival**

- It was noted that Paul Jeffries would update the Team at the next meeting.

## **8. Heritage Marine Training Scheme**

- RGE informed the meeting that the District Council had received an invitation from the Heritage Marine Foundation (HMF) to participate in a meeting being held at the Chatham Historic Dockyard to discuss a way forward in creating a qualification and apprenticeship structure for the Maintenance, Operation and Conservation of Traditional Vessels. A copy of the meeting invitation was shared with the meeting.
- It was noted that the HMF was also seeking funding to help create the standard and to form a training framework. An update on the meeting outcome will be shared at the next meeting.

## **9. CCT response to Natural England's Coast Path Report on Maldon to Saltcott**

- Julia Bourn and MG had studied the document (link below) and felt that the recommendations were generally satisfactory, and broadly welcomed the report. It was noted that some areas, including Osea Island, had been excluded.
- It was agreed that the CCT would not make a formal representation on the Report.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-coast-path-from-maldon-to-saltcott-comment-on-proposals>

## **10. CCT Newsletter & Social Media**

- As no copy had been provided by the membership, MG stated that the Newsletter project had been put back whilst the Team concentrated on other key projects.
- RGE shared copies of the reprinted Crouch Valley Guide as an example of a successful private/public sector joint funded project. The Crouch CCT had secured funding from parish councils, local businesses and the 3 local authorities, to meet the printing cost of £1,700. The guides were now being circulated to tourist information centres and local attractions. Some had already been distributed by volunteers at Liverpool Street Station.

## **11. Project List**

- It was agreed that the Project List needed to be revised, with a view to focussing on key activity. LS reminded the meeting of the work being undertaken by Heybridge Parish

Council on the Heybridge Lakes project, which could feature in a prioritised list.

- RGE updated the meeting on progress being made by the Crouch CCT regarding the proposed Lower Crouch Crossing, which would involve a new visitor centre and foot ferry to manage anticipated growth in visitors to the Wallasea island, RSPB project. A number of meetings had been held between Council Officers and private sector partners, and a draft bid to the Coastal Community Fund was being prepared by the Working Group which had been set up by the Crouch CCT. A further progress report will be provided at the next meeting.
- PF shared details of the propose Tollesbury Harbour project. A copy of the project outlined was shared with the meeting.

## **12. Maldon District Maritime Breakfast – 2017**

- RGE confirmed the intention of the District Council to organise a Maritime Breakfast event to provide a networking opportunity for all businesses connected with building and maintaining vessels, and tourism operators. The event would seek to identify common issues and challenges being faced by the industry and seek solutions through partnership working. The CCTs would play a key role in the event.
- It was suggested that the local MPs should be invited as their participation would attract a bigger audience. The event would also be an opportunity for the Heritage Marine Foundation to share their vision for a bespoke maritime qualification. Further details of the event will be announced as soon as a venue and date had been organised.

## **13. Other business**

- There was no other business.

## **14. Date and location of next Management Team meeting**

- It was noted that the next meeting would be a joint meeting with the Management Team of the River Crouch CCT on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Timing details were to be circulated shortly.

**The meeting close at 15.45**