



## Management Team Meeting

### River Crouch Coastal Community Team

Monday 18th September 2017 – Burnham-on-Crouch Council Chamber

# MINUTES

#### Present:

Dean Border	DB	Chair, Baltic Wharf
Doug MacEwen	DM	Vice Chair, Yacht Clubs and Crouch Harbour Auth
Cllr Wendy Stamp	WS	Burnham Town Council
Cllr Julia Jeapes	JJ	Chelmsford City Council
Cllr Ron Pratt	RP	Maldon District Council
Cllr June Lumley	JL	Rochford District Council
Cllr Peter Elliot	PE	Rochford District Council
Paula Chapman	PC	Rochford District Council
Glen Dryhurst	GD	Ashingdon Parish Council
Dave Smith	DS	Burnham Week Limited
Keith Powell	DB	Independent Representative
David Burrows	KP	Maldon District Council
Anglene Crowley	AC	Secretariat, Maldon District Council

#### Apologies:

Cheryl Milton-White, Cllr Andrew St Joseph, Chris Tyas, Natalie Holt, David Rayner,

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

- DM welcomed the meeting and invited introductions.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

- DB declared an interest being also a member of the Burnham-on-Crouch Chamber of Commerce.

#### 3. Matters outstanding from Minutes of 20 June 2017

- DM had circulated the finished video to CCCT members and reported that he thought the video was very good. Minor issue that one location was misnamed against an image. The school has been advised of the correction. GD reported he had not received the video and asked to be sent a copy. **ACTION: AC**
- An official launch date and time should be discussed with the school. It was suggested the video should be widely circulated post launch. Suggestions were, Visit Essex, Look East, BBC Coast, Essex Radio, Local Papers and the websites of the CCCT. GD suggested that it could be uploaded to the Natural England site. The children could be asked to research other sites to post the video. **ACTION: DM/AC/School**

It was agreed that more prominence ought to be given to the CCCT website. AC has sent a picture of the River Crouch to DCLG to upload for the CCT website. Information and more pictures to be added. AC invited the group to send any information to her. Thought to be given to developing a Vision Statement.

**ACTION: All**

- **Lower Crouch Crossing**

- DM reported that progress had stalled due to problems over match funding which may be uncertain, however, the RSPB have now received planning consent for the bridge walkways and pontoon. RP asked about upgrading the use of the Town Pontoon and the costs of the ferry if match funding was not forthcoming. Each journey is expected to cost approximately £4.50 with 50 pence from each ticket going to a maintenance fund. WS asked about how visitors would be arriving at the ferry point. High usage on the roads would be difficult and car parks are already full on busy days. Was there information on where the visitors are expected to come from? DM reported that it is hoped visitors would use the train. The ferry would be a 30 seater which could accommodate a small coach party. However, it may be more appropriate to use a 12 seater ferry to begin with to reduce the set up costs. Wallasea Island has 22,000 visitors annually many of whom would use the ferry. Signs to be put up at the train station to direct visitors to the quay.
- DM thanked Jeff Kew from RSPB for his CCCT work.

**ACTION: DM**

#### 4. Quay Day feedback

- DB and AC informed the group about the successful display publicising the work of the CCCT at Quay Day held in Burnham-on-Crouch on Bank Holiday Monday 28 August. Assisted by great weather, the turnout from the public was good. The RSPB set up display boards with DB who had created some boards detailing the history and activities of the River Crouch CCT. AC had devised a questionnaire asking for views on a potential ferry crossing from Burnham-on-Crouch to Wallasea Island. 17 respondents completed questionnaires. All were in favour of the ferry. Paying between £3-£5 per journey with concessions for returns, families, and season tickets. Respondents did state they would expect facilities on Wallasea Island and information on the Burnham-on-Crouch side outlining what there was to do and what facilities are available. 3 respondents applied as new members plus one other from Fambridge Yacht Haven. The group voted unanimously to invite them to join the full Coastal Community Team.

**ACTION: AC to invite them to the next full partnership meeting.**

- Events such as the Christmas fayres in Maldon and Rochford could be used to promote the work of the CCT. AC to look into possibilities.

**ACTION: AC**

#### 5. Fambridge Ferry Proposal

- DM outlined the proposed CCCT project for a second ferry proposal crossing from North to South Fambridge which can potentially begin operating by May 2018. The ferry will be a foot ferry that can take some bikes. Planning consents are in place but financial CCCT help was requested sourcing 40% funding to make up the shortfall.

- PC asked if the Fambridge ferry has local support from Ashingdon Parish Council and GD said yes. FM added that it also had support from North Fambridge Parish Council.

**DECISION: The Management Team voted unanimously to accept the Fambridge Ferry proposal as a project.**

## 6. Missing Footpaths Project

- GD mentioned that whilst Natural England is looking at establishing coastal paths he proposed that the CCCT should help by looking at establishing and restoring viable footpath routes. GD has completed a survey of what already exists and the missing links. There is potential for alternative routes with some financial assistance e.g. the east end of Stowe
- PC added that Natural England supports the Wallasea Island to Southend route. DM said Darren Braine from Natural England has been to previous meetings and ought to be kept informed.

**DECISION: CCCT voted unanimously to accept the proposal**

**ACTION: GD to lead the project. Rochford to facilitate**

## 7. Any other business

- GD asked that Cenewdon Councillor be sent CCT information. Email is [Kelly.ashingdonparishcouncil@essexinfo.net](mailto:Kelly.ashingdonparishcouncil@essexinfo.net)

**ACTION: AC**

- AC let the group know there are some boxes of River Crouch leaflets that are still available for distribution if anyone needs some.

## 8. Date and location of next meetings:

- The next Full Partnership Meeting of the River Crouch Community Team will be held on Wednesday 13 December at 10.30 at Burnham-on-Crouch Council Chamber
- It was agreed to host a joint meeting of the River Crouch and Maldon and River Blackwater CCT. Meeting date and venue to be agreed.
- The next BLP meeting is 23rd November at Bradwell Marina

**ACTION: AC**

**The meeting closed at 11.45**