

Management Team Meeting of

The Maldon & Blackwater Estuary Coastal Community Team

Tuesday 19th June 2018 – Hydrogen Barge, Hythe Quay, Maldon

Meeting Notes

Present:

Paul Jeffries	PJ	Top Sails - Meeting Chair
Marion Gibson	MG	St Lawrence Parish Council
Lew Schnurr	LS	Independent
Mike Sandison	MS	Essex Wildlife Trust
John Oatham	JO	Mayland Parish Council
Sarah Laskar	SL	Maldon and District CVS
Janet Hall	JH	Steam Tug Brent Trust
Andrew St Joseph	AStJ	Maldon District Council
Anglene Crowley	AC	Maldon District Council

Apologies:

Cllr Penny Channer, Anthony Sinclair,

1. Previous Minutes 13 March 2018

- Agreed

2. Steam Tug Brent Trust

- JH told the group about the Brent Steam Tug. It was originally built during WW2 for the Admiralty and subsequently was used at the Pool of London. During the 1960s diesel craft replaced the steam tugs. The tug was due to be scrapped but was retrieved by Ron Hall, JH's husband.
- They currently have open days with approx. 2,500 visitors per year. JH would like the tug to stay in Maldon. The Trust needs to raise funds of £300k plus for the boiler and this is the subject of a HLF bid. The Trust would also like to develop a secure pontoon mooring to take the Brent and other visiting craft.
- PJ said the concept of a pontoon is great. There needs to be a secure mooring and a long lease. Initial signs are positive from MDC – Planning permission will be needed.
- An application to the Coastal Revival Fund to be looked into as well as other funding sources. AC to look at Windfarm funds.

ACTION: AC

3. Blackwater Leaflet

AC to collate all comments before going to print.

ACTION: AC

4. Apprenticeship Scheme

- AC to draft a letter of support for the CCT application – PJ to sign

ACTION: AC/PJ

5. Bradwell Observation Tower

- PJ suggested that the tower could be redeveloped as a smaller viewpoint similar to that in Promenade Park. Gilleards had submitted a quote to provide a new Observation Point of approx. £17-18k. PJ has written to the landowner but no reply to date.
- MS suggested he could ask the Wildlife Trust who owns the lease on the land?

ACTION: MS

- To take the project forward, funding to be sought for a feasibility study to identify the potential of the Roman Fort of Athona, WWII links, the Chapel and the viewpoint. Possibly improve the car park.
- Potentially need to get together: Athona Community, Essex Wildlife, the Diocese, Essex Birdwatching/land owner (Jeremy Fisher), Brian Main. PJ to initially contact Athona community.

ACTION: PJ to contact Athona Community

6. Future Project Areas

- The team agreed to focus on the following areas:
 - Maylandsea
 - Bradwell
 - Heybridge
 - Maldon Quay
- To be progressed at the next meeting

7. Date of next Management Team Meeting

**Wednesday 19th September at 10.30 – 12.30
at the Harbour View Restaurant, Tollesbury Marina, CM9 8TB**