

**MINUTES OF DURLSTON HEAD TO HURST SPIT SMP2
KEY STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING
BOURNEMOUTH TOWN HALL - MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2009**

Present:

D Harlow	Bournemouth Borough Council (Chair)
R Lawton	Bournemouth Borough Council
B Ratcliffe	Bournemouth Borough Council
G Turnbull	Bournemouth Borough Council
G Tyler	Bournemouth Borough Council (Minutes)
A Bradbury	New Forest District Council
S Cook	New Forest District Council
P Ferguson	New Forest District Council
S Woolard	Christchurch Borough Council
D Robson	Poole Borough Council
T-L Eggiman	Royal Haskoning
A Pooley	East Dorset Friends of the Earth
C Jones	Society of Poole Men
M Parsons	Lakeside Residents
I Lewis	Dorset Lakes
J Thackery	New Forest Ramblers
D Feltham	Beach Hut Owners Association
B Hoodless	Hengistbury Residents Association
M Collard	Stanpit and Mudeford Residents
T Baber	Mudeford Sandbank News
M Hodges	Highcliffe residents
R Henderson	RSPB (Exeter)
V Straker	English Heritage
I Legge	Hobourne
A Tindle	Bourne Leisure
D J Bird	
D J Hull	

Item No		Action
1	Presentation by Tara-Leigh Eggiman - Royal Haskoning	
1.1	The presentation can be viewed on the ' <i>twobays.net</i> ' website under ' <i>Other Documents</i> '.	
2	Presentation by Dr Andrew Bradbury - New Forest District Council	
2.1	Arrangements are in hand for the content of Dr Bradbury's presentation to be made available on the ' <i>twobays.net</i> ' website.	
3	Question and Answer Session	
3.1	<i>Q. Will gravel extraction on the River Mude bring pollutants into Christchurch Harbour?</i>	
	A. This concern will be brought to the attention of the Environment Agency and their response will be reported back at the next meeting.	

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3.2	<p><i>Q. The water level at Brownsea Island has risen and whilst sea level rise has contributed to this, has the dredging of Poole Bay for the beach renourishment work had any bearing on this?</i></p> <p>A. The dredging should not increase sea levels significantly but there is a general problem within Poole Harbour with all beaches losing their sand.</p>	
3.3	<p><i>Q. How frequently will the reports used for the SMP be made available?</i></p> <p>A. Various reports will be available very shortly to download. These reports will help us formulate policies for the SMP. No new research is being undertaken for the SMP which will be based on existing data. Input from key stakeholders will be very welcome however as part of the information gathering process.</p>	
3.4	<p><i>Q. How far up river will the SMP extend?</i></p> <p>A. Within harbours we are going up to the tidal limit but SMPs always meet the rivers management plans so no area is missed.</p>	
3.5	<p><i>Q. What are the dangers of over-topping in low lying areas with low sea defences?</i></p> <p>A. Flooding and inland occurrences as a result of the sea will be taken into account in the SMP.</p>	
3.6	<p><i>Q. There is no indication in the presentation of any activity on the shoreline of the harbour?</i></p> <p>A. This point will be picked up later in the presentation but photographs going back 50 years show massive losses of salt marshes. There have been similar systematic losses on the whole of the south coast so it is not just a localised issue.</p>	
3.7	<p><i>Q. A message on one of the defence structures shown in the presentation asked that an engineer be called if a line marked on the structure was visible. What does this mean?</i></p> <p>A. It means that the structure is quite vulnerable if the line is exposed.</p>	
3.8	<p><i>Q. How do you deal with the problem of groundwater with sea defences?</i></p> <p>A. ??</p>	
3.9	<p><i>Q. How much sea level rise has taken place based on, for example, data over the past 40 years?</i></p>	
3.10	<p>A. There is not much data available and drawing conclusions from what data is available on one or two sites is a difficult process. Information produced by DEFRA scientists who have a particular specialism in this area will therefore be used.</p>	
3.11	<p><i>Q. Are insurance companies getting access to this information?</i></p> <p>A. The information is in the public domain and the insurance industry will therefore have access to DEFRA's figures.</p>	

3.12	<p><i>Q. Has the beach recharge had a neutral effect?</i></p> <p>A. The effect of the recharge must be beneficial.</p>	
3.13	<p><i>Q. What is the position on long term Government financing? How future proof is this money and will this be pointed out to government?</i></p> <p>A. Expenditure has been increasing and the indications are that Government have given this a high priority.</p>	
3.14	<p><i>Q. At Hordle Cliff, Plymouth Council erected a CCTV mast to monitor littoral drift. Is there any liaison with us and has their survey been published?</i></p> <p>A. It is a very useful exercise and we have had some involvement but nothing has been published yet.</p>	
3.15	<p><i>Q. What is the prognosis for Stanpit Marsh SSSI as there is a suggestion that the current area is written off?</i></p> <p>A. Another team is looking at the potential for habitat re-creation for the marshes. Further details will be sent to you by Steve Cook if you would leave your name and contact details.</p>	
3.16	<p><i>Q. Has any consideration been given to the provision of a barrier, similar to the one in the Thames, to protect the shoreline?</i></p> <p>A. This will be included in Royal Haskoning's study.</p>	SC
3.17	<p><i>Q. The Environment Agency's chart is dated 1999 and the figure of 900mm is from a 2001 report. The 2007 figure is 590mm. Are the figures, which now appear to be on the high side, being updated?</i></p> <p>A. The framework document asked that the IPCC information be used.</p>	
3.18	<p><i>Q. The risk of erosion has been identified but the Marine Bill before Parliament deals with the protection of eco-systems and improving access to the coast. How far is this being taken into account in the SMP?</i></p> <p>A. We are working on a 1949 Act and although we need to be mindful of these considerations we cannot wait for the outcome of the Bill as there is considerable pressure to complete the SMP which is a key tool in obtaining government funding.</p>	
3.19	<p><i>Q. There is due to be gravel extraction from the sea bed off the Needles. Will this have any effect on the shoreline?</i></p> <p>A. DEFRA will look very carefully at any project of this nature and there is no chance of a licence being granted for the work if there is any risk to the shoreline.</p>	
3.20	<p><i>Q. We are all committed to the SMP but is there anything we need to do and what is our function?</i></p> <p>A. Your wealth of experience is extremely valuable and your observations and input are of the utmost importance. Please check throughout the process that we have understood and taken account of any concerns you may have.</p>	

4	Date of Next Meeting	
4.1	The next meeting of the KSG has not yet been arranged and we will advise all members of the Group when the date has been fixed. In the meantime all relevant information will be placed on the website.	