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MINUTES OF THE FORESHORE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7:30PM ON TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2024

In attendance: Cllrs Katie Moore (Vice Chair), Julie Leah, Sally Roberts, Melanie Harvey, Jane Bremner and Administrator, Katherine Besant

FS01.24 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

John Kenward representative of the Lower Char Community Project talked about the Nurdle event and addressed the committees concerns from the event in January. This was discussed later in the meeting.

FS02.24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Judith Sheppard – Holiday
Peter Noel - Holiday

FS03.24 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

FS04.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

FS05.24 MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Foreshore Committee held on the 12 December 2023 be agreed as a correct record and signed.

FS06.24 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

FS07.24 PROGRESS REPORTS

a) Toilets - meeting with Dorset Council

The meeting was held on Wednesday 17th January with the Property Surveyor and Soft Facilities Leader at Dorset Council. Issues were raised about the cleanliness of the toilets and a deep clean was requested before the summer season. The toilet sign has been removed from the end of the Heritage Centre building to avoid confusion.

b) Nurdle Clean Up events

The event held in January was successful with engagement from the local community and schools and removing vast amounts of plastic from the beach and river. A few issues were raised which were addressed in the public representation at the beginning of the meeting. Cllr Julie Leah will get written assurance from Nurdle.org and the committee agreed that if the items raised are addressed the next event can take place in March

c) Recycling Bin

The committee agreed the proposal to trial a recycling bin over the summer for plastic, cardboard and tin to be emptied approximately once a week in the summer months and fortnightly in the winter at an additional cost of £10.11 per collection. The 770-litre bin will be sited next to the rubbish bin opposite the café. Litter Free Dorset are providing bespoke stickers for free but the committee were concerned that these may not be clear enough, Cllr Julie Leah will contact them.

d) Beach clean rubbish

The Facilities Manager reported that the wood has dispersed since December

e) Replant hedgerow, West Cliff and reed bed

Planting took place on West Cliff on 20 January, Cllr Julie Leah has offered to help the beach staff replant around the reed bed.

f) Beach Huts

Four new beach huts have been ordered and the deposit paid. The committee were advised that some of the blue huts need replacing instead, the Facilities Manager is meeting with the supplier next week to discuss.

FS08.24 HAZARD & INCIDENT REPORT

a) Swimmer

Noted

b) Owl

Noted

c) Incident in the river

noted

FS09.24 ENVIRONMENT GROUP ITEMS

Discussions for coastal resilience and flooding are taking place with all parties. The clearing of wood material on the beach was mentioned.

FS10.24 ITEMS TO REPORT FOR DISCUSSION

a) Beacon Lighting for 80th D-Day Anniversary

To take place on Thursday 6th June. The administrator will register CPC's involvement

b) Beach Access Steps

The committee agreed the quote for a sign 'Uneven Steps' at £71.36 plus VAT to be paid from Foreshore Maintenance Budget. It was agreed to hold the quotation to repair the steps until there is more information on the future coastal works.

c) Stepped Beach Ramp Planning Application

The committee agreed this in principle based on the previous planning application in 2021. The Clerk emailed Simon Williams, Planning and Regeneration Consultant who kindly completed the biodiversity and sustainability checklist for the application to be resubmitted.

d) Blue beach huts base and sand removal

It was proposed that the quotes totalling £1900 plus VAT to repair the platform for the blue beach huts and the grading of sand be recommended for approval at the next F & GP meeting in March 2024

e) Water/drinking fountain

Cllr Jane Bremner reported that the scheme to replace the tap outside the beach office with a fountain is too expensive, it was agreed to stay as it is.

f) CCTC – NCI Permission

The National Coastwatch Institution requested permission to install a camera on the corner of the Heritage Centre to be able to see both East and West beaches. This has been discussed with the CHCC who are happy to provide power. Agreed by the committee.

g) Bench

A request for a bench on West Cliff, it was felt that one more could be accommodated in this area. Agreed by the committee

h) Temporary Sign at the CHCC

Phil Davidson the warden at CHCC has asked for permission to place a temporary canvas banner at the bottom of the steps to the Heritage Centre and to remove the existing 'Attenborough Sea Dragon' sign. Agreed by the committee

FS11.24 COASTAL TRANSITION ACCELERATOR FUND

The Council have issued a statement for inclusion in a submission from Charmouth regarding the CTAP. This is to be highlighted at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2024.

FS12.24 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

a) Permissions

i) Metal detecting – currently 45 annual permissions in force

b) Nurdle Complaint

Noted

c) Beach clean permission

Permission has been granted. It was agreed to contact the group to let them know where to put separate materials

d) Lyme Splash

Permission has been granted for the event to take place on Sunday 8th September 2024

FS13.24 POLICIES

There were no policies

FS14.24 IN COMMITTEE

a. Lease 2 renewal

Proposals for a new lease are recommended for approval.

b. Lease 3 renewal

The Committee agreed to the request for confirmation of renewal in 2025. Terms to be agreed nearer the time.

Proposals to F&GP

FS10.24(d) Blue beach huts platform and grading of sand

FS14.24(a) Lease 2 renewal (In Committee)

The meeting finished at 8.40pm

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