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MINUTES OF THE FORESHORE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 6:30PM ON TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026

In attendance: Cllrs, Judith Sheppard, Julie Leah, Sally Roberts, Katie Moore, Melanie Harvey, Cllr Jane Bremner and the Administrator, Katherine Besant

FS14.26 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

There were no public questions, comments or representations

FS15.26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

FS16.26 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

FS17.26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Julie Leah declared an interest in FS23.26c

FS18.26 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Foreshore Committee held on the 17 February 2026 be agreed as a correct record and signed.

FS19.26 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes

Cllr Judith Sheppard asked that item FS24.26 be moved to the beginning of the meeting so that Cllr Jane Bremner can take part

FS24.26 FUTURE COAST CHARMOUTH

- a. Correspondence – a letter from the Council was sent to Cllr Belinda Bawden outlining their concerns
- b. Meeting – a meeting took place between the Council and members of the Future Coast team at Dorset Council. The Foreshore agreed that the Council support pursuing purchase of Hensleigh Hotel subject to terms being agreed.
- c. LiDAR Survey – more surveys took place on 17th to 19th March. It was suggested to put when future surveys are taking place on our website.

Cllr Jane Bremner left the meeting

FS20.26 PROGRESS REPORTS

- a. Buoys – the clerk will contact the harbourmaster at Lyme Regis again to get a quote. Ongoing
- b. Recycling/bin enclosure –Dorset Council confirmed that an extra collection for recycling cannot be arranged until an additional truck is delivered, hopefully later this year. A lockable skip has been suggested to cope with the extra rubbish and recycling. Cllr Julie Leah has contacted Axe Skip Hire for more information on what they can take. A quote has been received but it was agreed that more research is needed. Ongoing
- c. Monarchs Way Information board – This item has been passed to the Playing Field, Cemetery and Street Management Committee as it was felt the board would be better placed along Barrs Lane.
- d. Artwork on the Factory building – The committee discussed the wording on the plaque and suggested some changes. The unveiling of the artwork will take place during Dorset Arts Week at the end of May
- e. Telescope Update – The Finance and General Purposes Committee agreed that the telescope was too expensive to buy so it has been removed
- d. Jurassic Coast 25th Anniversary – The Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre ran an event on Saturday 18th April
- e. Foreshore steps update – The metal steps were repaired last week. The bottom concrete step will be monitored and a quote for repairs will be followed up.

FS21.26 HAZARD & INCIDENT REPORT

- a. Socket in the disabled toilet – the socket in the toilets has been fixed by the contractor
- b. Toilet Cleaning – The Facilities Manager requested a deep clean which was carried out in March
- c. Leak in the toilets – has been fixed by the contractor
- d. Beach huts – damaged felt on some of the green huts after recent winds has been repaired

FS22.26 ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP ITEMS

There were no items

FS23.26 DISCUSSION ITEMS / TO BE NOTED

- a. Sand moving on East Beach/boat launching area – permission was given in line with the Foreshore Assent Document
- b. Picnic tables – it was proposed to Finance and General Purposes Committee to agree the quote from Reform Plastics and replace two picnic tables at £400 each on Evans Green and 8 x planks at £36 each on the bench with concrete ends
- c. Bacterial monitoring of the river mouth – Cllr Julie Leah left the room. The committee agreed that the monitoring should take place in the recycling hut. Further research is needed on the QR code for information, it was suggested the poster could be placed on the cairn over the bridge and A board outside the beach office.
- d. Red Arrows – It was noted that a display is taking place in August and to review extra staff cover at the next meeting in June

e. Foreshore Cover – due to holiday there is no cover on Saturday 9th May and Saturday 13th June, members of the Foreshore committee will cover the dog bins on those days. The administrator will email members before both days.

FS25.26 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

a. Permissions

(i) Metal Detecting – no new applications, the total is 54

b. National Marine week table – a request from the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre to have a table at The Foreshore during National Marine week in July was agreed by the committee

c. Reinstall bench on West Cliff – The committee agreed that as the land does not belong to the Council that this was not viable

d. Information table for Save the Fire Station campaign – permission was granted by the clerk for the table over the Easter weekend

e. Library book sales – a request from Charmouth Community Library to hold four book sales over the summer at The Foreshore was agreed by the committee

f. Water Safety event – a request from the NCI Water Safety Sector to hold events during the summer was agreed by the committee

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

PROPOSAL TO FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

FS23.26b Picnic tables and planks

Signed

Date