



EXE ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP

MANAGEMENT GROUP MINUTES

Sargent Room, Coaver Club, County Hall, Exeter

2pm Friday 26th September 2014

Present:

Chair: Councillor Bernard Hughes, DCC (BH)

Aidan Winder, DCC (AW)

Paula Salge, Temporary Assistant Officer (PS)

Other attendees not recorded

1. AW explained the situation of the EEO post. The interim Estuary officer, Mandy Macdonald, finished her contract on the 5th of September, as she was doing a two month internship. The interviews for the substantive post, a fix-term contract, have been scheduled for the 13th October 2014. Meanwhile, Paula Salge, the assistant officer, is working one day per week for the EEMP, covering more urgent actions such as the organisation of the Forum and the Clean-up event. AW highlighted that The Exe Estuary Officer post has been in existence since 1994.
2. AW asked the Group to note that the LiCCo project had been extended until the end of February 2015. The EEMP will continue working to complete its proposed project actions, such as the Heritage leaflet and the State of the Exe Estuary report. AW explained the 2015 project actions for the Exe Estuary. Councillor Hughes reported to the group about his participation at the LiCCo Final Conference in Poole, and highlighted the good presentations during the day and the LiCCo educational resource. Jane Lavick informed the Group that her contract with the EA will finish at the end of October and that she will not participate in the extension of the LiCCo project. All present thanked Jane for her work during the three years of the LiCCo project and wished her all the best for the future.
3. PS explained that the Recreational Strategy report has been sent to all members of the Management Group and Officer Working Group for first consultation. To-date, she has received comments from the RSPB, Teignbridge and East Devon District Councils and the IFCA. PS explained the next steps of the consultation process and invited the Management Group to a half-day workshop to discuss the Strategy in more detail. The possible dates of the workshop will be determined soon. The workshop will be held at County Hall. After the workshop, a public consultation will be opened, where local people and organisations can give their feedback and make comments about the report. The report will be publicised on the EEMP website and also partner websites.
4. It was reported that Exeter City Council are considering ways forward for delivery of Harbour Authority responsibilities, following a report to their cabinet on the former Harbour Revision Order. The Group was informed that a meeting had taken place to discuss the Navigation Byelaws and their implementation. The meeting involved Exeter City Council, East Devon and Teignbridge District Councils. AW proposed that the Exe Estuary Officer might attend a future meeting in order to be involved with future discussions, including dissemination by the EEMP.

Date of next MG meeting: 29th January, 2015

ACTION: PS to contact Management Group with dates for a half-day workshop to discuss the Recreational Strategy in more detail.

ACTION: ECC, EDDC and TDC to invite the Exe Estuary Officer to a future meeting on Harbour Authority responsibilities, Navigation Bylaws and their implementation, and dissemination by the EEMP.

