

#### Minutes

Name of Meeting	Environment and Sustainability Forum	
Date and Time	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 18:00 – 19:30	
Venue	Microsoft Teams	
Attendees	Name	
	Natasha Dix	Abi Reynolds
	lan Ward	Emily Webster
	Claire Critchison	Carrie Anderton
	Alaster Sims	Diana
	Trish Evans	John Hobart
	Michael Murwill	Kathy Domaille
	Maggie Nelmes	Penny Action
	lan Boyd	John Hobart
	Chris Quirk	
Apologies	Jenny Hicks	Senad Adams
	Karen Lucioni	Steve Cowley
	Debbie Andre	Rob Sauvan
	Cameron Palin	

### 1. Welcome and housekeeping

1.1 Natasha Dix - welcomed everyone. Previous minutes agreed.

## 2. Yaverland & Shanklin Coastal Defence Scheme

- 2.1 Emily Webster from the Environment Agency and Carrie Anderton from JBA Consulting displayed and provided a presentation on Yaverland & Shanklin coastal defence scheme.
- Q. Kathy Domaillie Was horse riding picked up in the place shaping Survey consultation?
- A. Carrie Anderton advised could see this as an option. Asked if improved access is also good for horse riding?

Natasha Dix confirmed yes, particularly in Yaverland. There is a slip way at the northern end which is a multi-access point for a lot of different activities, for example disable sport, water sports and walking access.

- Q. Ian Ward How long with they defend us for?
- A. Carrie We look at the benefit period of 30 years but it ongoing and is to be recalculated but we look to design them for 100 years.
- Q. Dianna Where will the money come from?

A. Carrie – We use a public funding calculator; we need to be looking at 100% GIA Funding. If there is local option and it is more than we can afford the monies will need to be sourced elsewhere.

Emily Webster – All Defra projects must attract 15% partnership funding on top of the funding, so we have been speaking to other beneficiaries in the area who will benefit from the project, such as Southern Water and Network Rail. The next stage of the business case will look at the funding strategy.

- Q. Michael Murwill What link can I point residents to, to cover what has been presented to tonight before next week's consultation?
- A. Emily Link for consultation will go live on Monday which <u>Yaverland Coastal</u>
  <u>Defence Scheme Information Page Environment Agency Citizen Space</u>
  (environment-agency.gov.uk) and <u>Shanklin Coastal Defence Scheme Information</u>
  <u>Page Environment Agency Citizen Space (environment-agency.gov.uk)</u> There will also have an option to sign up to the mailing list.

# 3. Pre-submitted questions

Q. Do Council use a water retention membrane in bottom of hanging baskets?

Only I know the costs of watering hanging baskets might be reduced and save water if a water retaining membrane at bottom of baskets?

I have watched local group on TV and they use these membranes whilst planting up baskets so thought I would like to know if Council do already use this type of thing and if not, is this something that can be considered because of reducing water usage.

A. The IWC do not have any hanging baskets that they are responsible for. Natasha advised the majority of hanging baskets that you see are either private of organised by the Town and Parish Councils. This will be good question to pass onto IWALC to ask what they do with their hanging baskets to retain water.

#### 4. AOB

4.1 Ian Ward asked if we have considered Coastal defence for Military Road? Natasha advised to refer to Council Shoreline Management plan which has a document within it around Coastal Defence strategy for that part of the coastline.

Next Meeting 16th November at 13:00	
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