

## CONFIDENTIAL

### Margate Seafront Development Steering Group

Thursday 12 March at 10.00 am – Cabinet Room, Sessions House

### Minutes of meeting

#### Attendees:

Kent County Council	-	Mike Hill (MH), Barbara Cooper (BC), Donald Farquharson (DF), Paul Mawson (PM), Sarah Wren (SW), Jo Weatherley (JW) (notes)
Thanet District Council	-	Cllr David Green (DG), Madeline Homer (MHo)
Turner Contemporary	-	Victoria Pomery (VP)

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Johnston and Rebecca Spore.

#### 2. Minutes of meeting held on 3 November 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2014 were agreed.

#### 3. Rendezvous Site

Paul Mawson (PM) updated the group on the Rendezvous Site (a copy of the presentation is attached).

A paper has been shared with the Procurement Board which recommended the competitive negotiated procedure route. This means that negotiations can continue after the selection of the preferred bidder. This scheme will require third party funding. Discussions are happening with a number of interested parties. This may be a land deal rather than a procurement deal (the former being quicker). The LEP funding will be available to apply for from April (regional growth fund).

he use of the vacant site in the interim needs to be considered for revenue generation (this could be for at least a year) and the options need exploring. PM will come forward with ideas and asked for any suggestions. PM to keep MH advised on negotiations.

The RNLI have contacted Thanet District Council regarding moving from the existing site. Positioning needs to be discussed and MHo will pick-up this issue.

The Sailing club is interested in finding a new position. KCC needs to be involved in any discussion.

The Chairman of Industrial Traders (Richard Ash) has contacted TDC regarding the need for a conference hotel in the town.

#### 4. Visioning

Work in underway on visually zoning the town to create a storyboard by building on the current Thanet vision. This is not quite ready yet but will be able to be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Margate Lido

Introductions were made by Paul Eley to Alexandr Andreeva and his wife. Guy Holloway presented the group with the proposals for the Lido.

MHo asked that the plans are shared with Thanet District Council to help people visualise the Lido development. This would be after the election.

MH to arrange for Paul Carter to be briefed on the development and to meet Alexandr Andreeva.

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Winter Gardens

A condition survey has been started and Mho will confirm the finish date. Once the Dreamland cinema expressions of interest information and the condition survey are complete more will be known. It was mentioned that the Heritage Lottery Fund would really appreciate an overview on all developments. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Dreamland Development

There has been huge progress with the scenic railway and this will be completed in May. Work has begun around the structure of the site. The lease and condition agreement are nearly complete. The compensation position still needs to be finalised. Work has started on the opening arrangements and this will be shared with TC and KCC. Phase 1 will include the amusement park and the scenic railway, phase II is the rest of site (cinema/coastal café). TDC are dealing with issues of signage/lighting/cleaning of sign. BC raised the purdah issues which may delay. There will be an evening opening event for dignitaries and local people will be able to apply for tickets. A joint meeting is needed to discuss Dreamland (Eddie Kemsley/MHo/VP/BC/SW).

8. Margate Harbour

Details have been passed to Mike Humber and he will contact KCC re consultancy support.

9. Theatre Royal

MH has met with the Arts Council regarding the Theatre Royal due to concerns that the Arts Council has become disengaged. SW will provide an update and this will be shared with TDC. TDC has started writing the expressions of interest.

10. Any Other Business

It was suggested that an officer group may be needed in the future to look at the developments in Margate.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be arranged after the elections in Thanet. JW to arrange.

Jo Weatherley  
25 March 2015