

## Hilbre Islands Management Advisory Committee

## Draft notes from the meeting

Date:	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2017		Action	Target Date
Present:	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Clr Gerry Ellis Clr Jeff Green</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Clr Geoff Watt</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>			
1. Apologies:	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Clr Alan Brighthouse</p>			
2. Notes of last meeting	Clr Green had contacted David Armstrong with a view to a meeting with the leaseholders about their interest in the islands.		[REDACTED] to organise meeting between David Armstrong and leaseholders	March 2017
3. Green flag update	We were successful in holding the Green Flag in 2016. [REDACTED] presented the score sheet, there were many positive comments from the judges this year, the score was in the category of 80+ the highest score possible for GF. Thanks to everyone in the group who supported this effort.		[REDACTED] to circulate report	Feb 2017
4. Events and activities	<p>[REDACTED] reported about events including archaeological dig assisted by constituency funding [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are writing an interpretation plan for the islands and would like to ask the group for support and assistance. [REDACTED] is to prepare an application to Burbo Bank Extension Community Fund, to fund the interpretation plan (approx. £15,000)</p> <p>The group were interested in how many other events are taking place on Hilbre.</p> <p>[REDACTED] reported in 2016 the Friends had continued with their activities including task days with [REDACTED] and open days. They banked approx £720 from Hilbre open days and £300 from</p>		<p>[REDACTED] application to BBECF in partnership with FOH.</p> <p>[REDACTED] Will contact members of the group for assistance with interpretation plan.</p> <p>[REDACTED] to provide report on how many events are taking place [REDACTED] will circulate.</p>	<p>Funding application: March 2017</p> <p>Contact group by: July</p> <p>March 17</p>

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5. Buildings update	<p>reported on condition of roofs on two storey house and telegraph station.</p> <p>reported on a Sea Defence Inspection Report that had been commissioned with assistance from (WBC engineer). Estimates of cost of repairs to sandstone walls on the west of the island are included in the report. Cllr green asked how this work could be funded. Coastal defence budgets would not be relevant, and there was no budget in Parks and Countryside for the work.</p> <p>reported and had organised renovation of the slate shed, carried out by local builders, and thanked the Friends for their contribution to funding the project.</p>	<p>reported his team would instigate immediate work to seal the roof of the 2 storey house, and the roofs would be fully renovated in spring 2017.</p> <p>to circulate report</p> <p>and to investigate feasibility of applying for capital funding to carry out repair to walls on west of island</p>	<p>Seal roof: end Jan</p> <p>Repair both roofs June 2017</p> <p>Feb 2017</p> <p>July 2017</p>
6. Natural history and heritage update	<p>reported on 60<sup>th</sup> year of HIBO and mentioned blackthorn-work and a bracken plan worked on jointly with . They are preparing Heligoland traps for spring. Numbers of purple sandpipers had been down this year, numbers of brent geese were at record levels and good numbers of yellow browed warblers. They operate a blog which has been very successful. The group expressed appreciation to as representative of HIBO for their work in and around Hilbre.</p> <p>The group discussed how it would be nice to have a weather station back on the island.</p> <p>and had met with the RNLI about lifeguarding on the islands and had constructive dialogue. Training for new lifeguards in wildlife has been offered at the start of this season. RNLI appeared keen to take up the offer. There had been some small issues of concern in 2016 which were being addressed in a positive way.</p>	<p>and to organise training with RNLI</p>	<p>Spring 2017</p>
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	Challenge meeting about future funding for Hilbre. Following the meeting Contractors had been commissioned to prepare an options appraisal study into potential funding streams including commercial options. and colleagues in Asset Management to provide information for Contractors.	brief	
9. AOB			
10. Time and date of next meeting	Next meeting to take place on Hilbre, alternative dates to be put forward.		

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