

# LORP LIAISON GROUP

Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 July 2021(11:00-12:30) via Zoom

## Notes and actions from meeting

Attendees: Geoff Jung, Richard Bell, Derek Wensley, Kat Holgate, Roger Sherriff, Haylor Lass, Chris Woodruff, Sam Scriven, Peter Burgess, Alison Slade, Helen Booker, Tom Wright, Nick Pyne, Clare James, Kate Ponting, Dan Boswell, Megan Rimmer, Mike Williams, Tony Bracey, Bill Roper, Roger Auster, Bridget Beer

Apologies: Jess Bailey, Christine Channon, John Hiles, Jim Pyne, James Chubb, Sam Jeffcoat

## Group ways of working

This was the first meeting of this new group, which will provide important links between the Lower Otter Restoration Project and its many interested communities and stakeholders now that construction has started on both the new cricket pitch and the main scheme.

The draft terms of reference were welcomed and approved to include the following:

- Purpose – conduit between local residents and project team, enabling two-way dialogue and feedback. Provide group members with early news releases and updates etc to be knowledgeable in their communities.
- Membership – all agreed, plus South West Water and FAB Link to be invited to update group when relevant.
- Meetings – 4 set dates per year plus others as required in advance of key project stages. Ideally held as a hybrid in person and virtual, with opportunities to go on site and evening sessions with Kier.

Geoff Jung and Tom Wright both volunteered for the role as group chairman. Tom was voted to the role. Many thanks to Geoff and congratulations to Tom.

**ACTION: Bridget** to update and circulate terms of reference.

**ACTION: Kate, Bridget, Kat and Tom** to agree and share future dates.

## LORP progress

Dan Boswell updated everyone with project progress. The slides are included with these notes for reference in particular the programme for the rest of this year and onward.

Derek Wensley asked about South Farm Road parking. Dan and Tony Bracey confirmed the passing places are now closed to prevent casual parking. South Farm Road is open to traffic, South Farm is open for business, most of the footpaths (with the exception of the Western Footpath) are open to the public. Everyone is still able to enjoy the area but will have to park elsewhere. The new car park will be constructed next year.

## **PACCo surveys**

The LORP is part of the Promoting Adaptation to Changing Coasts project which is carrying out visitor surveys, focus groups and in-depth interviews to understand the socioeconomic benefits of the project. It will also explore how well LORP has been communicated and how engaged the community feels.

The summer surveys are now live and PACCo would like all LORP Liaison Group members to take part using this link to the survey: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/budleigh](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/budleigh)

If you would like a print version of the survey please let me know.

PACCo survey programme:

- Now (summer 2021) – first survey
- Second survey (summer 2022)
- Focus groups – autumn 2021, spring 2022, summer/autumn 2022
- In-depth interviews to follow the focus groups

The surveys are being carried out for PACCo by APBmer and Exeter University.

**ACTION: All** complete PACCo survey

## **Priorities and resources**

The LORP website is being updated. Agreed to include this group terms of reference, membership and notes.

**ACTION: Bridget and Kate** update LORP website

Peter Burgess asked for long lead-in to information and issues enabling group members the best opportunity to seek clarity, sense and support for LORP progress particularly when there are critical path deadlines ahead. This includes preparing other organisations' comms teams and meeting deadlines for their own publications.

**ACTION: LORP project team** to note and action

Kate confirmed that a mix of web, social media, parish newsletter updates and site visits are being used as communication and engagement channels. The importance of balancing online and hard copy was noted. New information noticeboards will be in place soon.

Roger Sherriff confirmed he is sharing updates with the Tourist Information Centre and Library, plus village shops in East Budleigh and Otterton for example.

## **Meeting feedback**

A show of hands indicated that everyone found the meeting and discussions useful.

**NB Post meeting** - Richard Bell asked how issues will be taken forward.

**ACTION: Bridget** to maintain issues list for the Liaison Group.