



Management Scheme

HUMBER ADVISORY GROUP

6:30pm, Monday 25th January 2010.

Waters' Edge Visitor Centre, Barton upon Humber.

Agenda

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| 1. | Introductions Tania Davey, Humber project Manager Tania.davey@humberinca.co.uk | All |
| 2. | Apologies | Chair |
| 3. | Minutes 29 th July 2009 <i>Matters Arising, <u>including</u>*</i> | Chair/All |
| 4. | Approval, Chairman, Vice-Chairmen for 2010 | All |
| 5. | Humber Estuary flood risk management <u>update</u> | Andrew Barron Coastal Process Engineer Environment Agency |
| 6. | Natural England, <u>priorities</u> in 2010 with HAG | Emma Hawthorne, NE Conservation Advisor, Humber Estuary |
| 7. | Humber Estuary Conference - <u>key points</u> for HAG | Darren Clarke, Conservation Manager, Humber INCA |
| 8. | Humber Estuary Biodiversity Action Plan-sub-tidal Habitat – <u>briefing</u> | Dr Nev Jones, ex-Chair HAG |
| 9. | Date/Venue: Next HAG Meeting | |

*Replacement of Skeffling sign

*Outer Humber Floodbank management

*Wildlife Crime

*Ebb&Flow, next issue contributions

*Incident & Activity Reporting via website

*Distribution: Codes of Conduct

Future consideration: Humber Management Scheme Review 2011: HAG revision/update

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Minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2010.
6.30pm, Waters' Edge Visitor Centre.

Present

Adrian Koster
Andrew Gibson
Sean Turkington

Andrew Barron

Tom Jeynes
Nev Jones
Vaughan Grantham

John Capel
Darren Clarke
Tania Davey

HAG Chair
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (HAG Vice Chair)
Chief Executive Officer, Environmental
Social Responsibility Society
Coastal Process Engineer, Environment
Agency
Sustainable Development Manager, ABP
Ex HAG Chair
Biodiversity Officer, East Riding of
Yorkshire Council
Yorkshire Naturalists' Union
Conservation Manager, Humber INCA
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Scheme

Apologies

Hellen Hornby
Mike Elliot
Daryl Burdon
Harriet Dennison
Professor Jack Hardisty
Anna Moody
Chris Manning

Ben Fletcher
Andrew Taylor

Kat Sanders

Emma Hawthorne
Philip Winn

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
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Professor of Geography, Hull University
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Environmental Officer, Lindsey Marsh
Drainage Board/Isle of Axholme Internal
Drainage Board
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Ecologist, North Lincolnshire
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Marine Awareness & Research Officer,
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
Conservation Advisor, Natural England
Humber Strategies Manager,
Environment Agency

1. Introductions and Apologies

Each attendee introduced themselves at the start of the meeting. TD, Project Manager for the Humber Management Scheme introduced herself. TD informed the group that she studied marine biology at Liverpool University and marine management at Heriot Watt University. Since this she has worked in fundraising at Groundwork, British Waterways, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and the National Media Museum.

2. Apologies

The apologies were noted.

3. Minutes and matters arising from the HERAG meeting of 29th July 2009

The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

- Time and venue of HAG meetings: AK asked the group if they were happy with the time and venue of the HAG meetings. The overall consensus was that the group was happy with the time and would like to alternate the venue between the north and south bank. AK informed the group that he would like to hold 3 meetings a year; January, May and September.
- Project Manager: DC informed HAG that TD's role was now full time.
- Signage: AK informed the group that he and TD would be undertaking a site visit to review the existing signs. The group discussed the replacement of the sign at Skeffling. AG informed the group that the sign and supporting structure need replacing.

ACTION: TD to get quote to ensure there is sufficient funding to replace the sign, to liaise with EH and signage manufacturer to progress replacement.

- Outer Humber Floodbank management: AK highlighted that the thank you letter to the Environment Agency as per the previous minutes had not been written as HAG needed the correct name and address for correspondence.

ACTION: AB to provide name and address

ACTION: AK to write thank you letter

- Wildlife Crime: AK asked the group if they were aware of any wildlife crime. AG informed the group that Tony Newiss had left the Humberside Police. ST informed the group that PC Simmons, based in Grimsby, was a part-time wildlife crime officer for Humberside Police. ST also informed the group that there are problems with wildlife crime in the area e.g. fishing.

ACTION: Representative from Humberside Police to be invited to next HAG meeting. TD to obtain full current contact list of Police Officers with wildlife crime responsibility

ACTION: ST to forward PC Simmons contact details onto TD.

- Ebb and Flow: AK informed the group that Ebb and Flow may be reviewed in the future following a HERAG working group discussion but the Spring 2010 edition will go ahead as normal. AK asked if the group could suggest ideas for articles. AG suggested an article from Net Gain. AG also informed the group that he had never received a negative comment about Ebb and Flow. DC informed the group that the review will involve looking at the design so that it reflects the Codes of Conduct.

NJ suggested that snippet stories could be useful as articles in Ebb and Flow e.g. yearly updates on seal populations, which can be followed regularly by readers. AG recommended angling in relation to declining fish populations. Eel populations were also discussed. VG agreed that articles such as these would allow people to relate more to the estuary. AK commented that it would be good to have an article from a HAG perspective.

ACTION: TD to contact Joanna Redhead at Net Gain about a possible article.

ACTION: AG to provide TD with contact details of a Chair from the angling club to provide a small article (150 words)

ACTION: HAG to get back to TD by Friday 29th January with ideas for articles.

- Incident reporting: AK informed the group that the form on the website was not producing much reporting. AG informed the group that Net Gain are doing something similar and that the HMS could review what they are doing.

ACTION: HAG members to encourage people to use the electronic form.

ACTION: TD to speak to Net Gain about their monitoring system.

- Codes of Conduct: AK asked the group if they were aware of any gaps in the distribution of the codes of conduct. DC informed the group that there were many copies available.

ACTION: TD/AK to review distribution list.

- Recreational disturbance: AK informed the group that the recreational disturbance study was discussed at the HERAG working group meeting. AK asked the group if other actions that have the potential to cause disturbance should be considered e.g. wind turbines. TJ informed the group the wind turbines are to be placed outside the Humber very close to the shipping lane and highlighted that discussions are taking place regarding the impact of wind turbines and that this issue is likely to rise up the agenda within the estuary community.

4. Approval, Chairman, Vice-Chairmen for 2010

The group approved the re-election of Adrian Koster as Chair of HAG, and Andrew Gibson and Daryl Burdon as Vice-Chairs of HAG.

5. Humber Estuary flood risk management update, Andrew Barron, Environment Agency

AB kindly gave the group a presentation on the Humber Flood Risk Management Strategy. He highlighted current projects that were underway and being proposed including Brough, Swinefleet, Alkborough, Stallingborough and Donna Nook. Andrew also highlighted the long term study on the history of Spurn and the study of South Holderness. Andrew discussed the Environment Agency's approach to engaging with local communities.

AB informed the group that the Flamborough to Gibraltar Head Shoreline Management Plan was out for consultation and that the deadline for comment is 5th February 2010. The summary document can be found at:

http://www.hecag-smp2.co.uk/downloads/HECAG_SMP_non_tech_summary_revCD1.pdf

JC asked why there was an overlap between the Humber Flood Risk Management Strategy and the Flamborough to Gibraltar Head Shoreline Management Plan. AB informed the group the Humber Flood Risk Management Strategy following the European Marine Site designations, and the Flamborough to Gibraltar Head Shoreline Management Plan follows the line of the Coastal Protection Act 1949.

The Humber Flood Risk Management Strategy can be found at:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/31704.aspx>

The presentation can be found on the HMS website:

<http://www.humberems.co.uk/resources/minutes.php>

6. Natural England, priorities in 2010 with HAG, Emma Hawthorne

EH sent her apologies.

7. Humber Estuary Conference – key points for HAG, Darren Clarke, Humber INCA

DC kindly gave a summary of the Humber Estuary Conference 2009. The proceedings of the conference can be found at:

<http://www.humberinca.co.uk/publications.php>

Between presentations, ST highlighted his interest in attending the HAG meetings. ST is intending to carry out a saltmarsh awareness raising project in relation to issues in Cleethorpes. ST is based at The Enterprise Centre, University of Hull. Email esrs@live.co.uk

8. Humber Estuary Biodiversity Action Plan – Sub-tidal Habitat, Nev Jones

NJ kindly gave a presentation on the Humber Estuary sub-tidal habitat. He is currently undertaking a desk study on behalf of Natural England to collate information on the Humber Estuary sub-tidal environment. Nev highlighted that there are no national targets for the sub-tidal BAP as it is difficult to set such targets without baseline data. However, some information is available from dredging within the estuary. The presentation gave HAG the opportunity to comment on the Sub-tidal Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) for the Humber Estuary and Nev asked the group what targets could be used for the sub-tidal BAP.

TJ highlighted to the group the dredging is a highly regulated. Also, dredged sediment is deposited as close to the dredged site as possible and on sediment of similar type to that dredged. Maintenance and capital dredging has allowed ABP to obtain a great deal of data on the benthic environment and they are currently collaborating with Natural England to update the Humber Maintenance Dredging Baseline Document. JC asked what baseline information is available. NJ commented that the information is there but it is difficult to gain access to the information.

VG commented that the Humber EMS provides the greatest driver to obtain a base line and manage the sub-tidal due to the legislative requirements.

The group agreed that Natural England needs to define what role HAG can play in the sub-tidal information baseline gathering and objective setting. DC asked if HAG has the knowledge to assist with this. NJ commented that this is why HAG is in place and this is an invitation to comment – HAG needs a job.

The details of NJ presentation can be found on:

<http://www.humberems.co.uk/resources/minutes.php>

ACTION: NJ to speak with Emma Hawthorne at Natural England to define how HAG can contribute to sub-tidal baseline information and objective setting. AK proposed that NJs Sub-tidal Habitat presentation is focussed upon together with TJs ABP dredging data at the next HAG meeting.

6. AOB

- AK discussed the current HAG membership list (dated December 2004, HMS document) and suggested that this should be reviewed

7. Date and venue for next meeting

18th May 2010 North Bank– time and venue to be confirmed

TD/AK 25.01.10