

HUMBER



Management Scheme

HUMBER ADVISORY GROUP

6.30pm, 17th March 2005

Hessle Town Hall

AGENDA

- 1) Introductions and apologies
- 2) Minutes of the meeting 2nd December 2004 (previously circulated)
- 3) Matters arising from the minutes
- 4) Humber Management Scheme - (Chris Manning)
 - a/ Launch of the Humber Management Scheme
 - b/ Progress of the Management Scheme
 - c/ Codes of Conduct – update/timing
 - d/ Monitoring & Review of the Management Scheme
- 5) Charting Progress: An Integrated Assessment of the State of UK Seas
- 6) Low Tide Day 7th May 2005
- 7) AOB
- 8) Date and venue for next meeting

Note, copies of the Management Scheme final document will be available at the meeting, those who can't attend will received their copy via the Post.

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**Meeting of the HUMBER ADVISORY GROUP
6.30pm 17th March 2005
Hessle Town Hall**

Attendees:

Nev Jones	Chairman of HAG
Adrian Koster	Ecosystem agronomist
Kate Jennings	English Nature
Dave Mouncey	Humber Yawl Club
Daryl Burdon	Institute of Estuarine and Coastal Studies
Ray Eades	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

1. Introductions and apologies

Apologies were received from: Note these were not available to the meeting due to the Project Managers absence.

Dr Conor O'Gorman	British Association for Shooting & Conservation
Chris J Manning	Humber Project Manager
Pro Mike Elliott	Institute of Estuarine & Coastal Studies
Caroline Steel	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
Bob Dawson	North Lincolnshire Council
Michelle Lyndsey	RSPB
Pro Jack Hardisty	University of Hull
John Rowley	Vice Chairman HAG
Richard Clarke	Vice Chairman of HAG
Helen Fenwick	WAERC
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Chris Manning had been involved in a road traffic accident which resulted in his being laid off work for two weeks. Those present expressed their concern and recorded their best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2005

It was agreed that these were a true record of the meeting.

3 Matters arising from the minutes

Min 7. The meeting proposed for 17th February was postponed until 17th March due to the delay in launching the HMS.

4 Humber Management Scheme

The Project Manager had sent the following information.

- (a) Launch. The Environment Minister, Elliott Morley had to withdraw as a consequence of a bereavement. The present situation is that it may now take place in June. VIPs priority Elliott Morley, Ben Bradshaw, Senior Defra official – as available.
- (b) Progress. The Humber Management Scheme document is now available and being circulated to Relevant Authorities, libraries and is on the website. Copies were available to those attending. Other members of the HAG will receive their copy in due course. Chris was congratulated on the very impressive presentation of the complex document.
- (c) Codes of Conduct. These are in hand and a draft is expected to be available for the next HERAG meeting on 14th June.
- (d) Monitoring and Review. Kate outlined the main issues of the next stage in the development of the Scheme arising out of the HERAG meeting held in December. An Action Plan including a timetable, list of leaders and allocation of tasks are required. Monitoring is required to generate data and to record activities. These aspects need integration and a Condition Statement will be produced by EN.

It had also been agreed to reorganise the management structure after the completion of the development stage:

- HERAG will now meet twice per year.
- Working Group to meet as necessary (or 6 monthly between HERAG)
- Working Group reconstituted. One representative from each: EN, EA, Harbour Authorities HAG, Internal Drainage Boards, Local Authorities plus Chair and Vice-Chair of HERAG.
- Project Manager's contract to be extended for a further year with the addition of promotion of the HMS to the job description. This was seen as an important requirement to establish the HMS and develop the next phase.
- JBA Consulting has agreed to host the Scheme for another year.

5 EN and Defra publications

Two publications of relevance to the Group had recently been published and Kate gave a very useful presentation based on them.

EN 2005 Our coasts and seas: Making space for people, industry and wildlife

This document represents the strategy developed with a wide range of stakeholders – including HAG as it responded to the consultation draft. It includes a guide to actions, priorities, local, regional, national and international aspects. Copies available from EN.

Defra 2005 Charting Progress: An Integrated Assessment of the State of UK Seas

A review of the state of the seas and the Government's proposal. This made the press but copies are available from www.defra.gov.uk or telephone 08459 335577.

Kate was warmly thanked for a most helpful presentation. (it was also regretted that a wider membership of the Group could not benefit from it)

6 Low Tide Day

The proposal take part in this national event scheduled for 7th May was considered. The lack of detail, the short notice, insurance issues, sponsorship etc resulted in agreement that HAG should not take part this year. It was, however, suggested that appropriate activities might be arranged to coincide with the launch of the HMS. Proposals included one or more guided walks to be publicised at the same time as the launch. These could be in different parts of the estuary and might have some link to The Deep.

7 Any other business

Attention was drawn to the Newsletter including the results of the low tide counts of birds on the Humber.

8 Date and venue of the next meeting

To be determined

Nev Jones
8th April 2005

Notes:

Sorry I missed this meeting.

The decision to postpone the launch until the election has with hindsight been vindicated. We intend to reschedule the launch in June, the timing will to large extent depend on the election outcome and changes in ministers and their portfolio's. Both, Ben Bradshaw and Elliott Morley are keen to attend, however if we get new ministers they may delay taking appointments until they have and settled in.

I will distribute Management Scheme documents shortly to those who haven't yet received one.

Regards

Chris
Humber Project Manager