

THE NAZE MANAGEMENT BOARD

NOTES

Tuesday, 6th August 2015

	Item	Action By
1) Welcome and Introductions	<p><u>Attendees</u></p> <p>Ian Davidson ID Tendring District Council (Chair)</p> <p>Cllr Mick Page MP Essex County Council</p> <p>Cllr Nick Turner NT Tendring District Council</p> <p>Cllr Mark Platt MP Tendring District Council</p> <p>John Hall JH Essex Wildlife Trust</p> <p>Martyn Knappett MK Tendring District Council</p> <p>Claire Cadman CC Essex Wildlife Trust</p> <p>Lisa Smart LS Essex Wildlife Trust</p> <p>Julian Novorol JN Naze Protection Society</p> <p>David Eagle DE Adjoining Farm Owner/Naze Protection Society</p> <p>John Lindsay JL Environment Agency</p> <p>Nigel Brown NB Tendring District Council</p> <p>Aileen Middleton AMid Tendring District Council</p> <p>David Hall DH Tendring District Council</p> <p>Michelle Nye-Brown MN-B Naze Tower Owner</p> <p>Terry Allen TA Frinton & Walton Town Council</p> <p>David Gager DG Naze Protection Society</p> <p>Andy Millar AM Natural England</p> <p>Zoe Ringwood ZR Natural England</p> <p>Ian Taylor IT Tendring District Council</p> <p>Cllr Andy Massey AMa Tendring District Council</p> <p>Ashley Wood AW Tendring District Council (Notes)</p>	
2) Apologies for absence	Cllr Delyth Miles (DL), Simon Maidment (SM) Ian Black (IB), Dave Smart (DS)	
3) Notes of Last Meeting	Minor amendment – Amend ‘trail’ to ‘trial’ item 10. Notes agreed by all.	
4) Matters Arising from the Notes of the Last Meeting	None.	
5) North Point Proposals	<p>DE presented options and proposals for the future protection of the Naze North Point. He provided the Board members with a hard copy summary setting out the problem, issues, options, proposals, etc.</p> <p>DE voiced his concerns that no-one from Anglian Water was at the table as we need to look to Anglian Water for funding.</p>	

	<p>It was agreed that Anglian Water should be invited to future meetings.</p> <p>DE suggested it would be around 20 years before serious flooding of Anglian Water’s site, although AM advised that from modelling, the experience was that erosion is never as linear and at some point in 20 years there could be another event and it could go in one night - the risk is more immediate – it could go in 5 years.</p> <p>MP thanked DE for all the work he had done and stated that the Board was now in a position where it has got to support the project to make sure this goes forward. We need to take this chance now.</p> <p>JH asked if there was an opportunity to explore for grants for wildlife, as it is an amazing site particularly the John Weston Nature Reserve.</p> <p>JH confirmed that from the Trust’s point of view as the North East corner has a very short life expectancy it would be much more important to go for a managed solution than an unmanaged one.</p> <p>ID proposed and it was agreed that a meeting should take place with Anglian Water and all relevant partners to solely discuss the proposal and establish the funding gap. He confirmed that ECC support was valuable.</p> <p>MP proposed that the Board supports the principle of the scheme and proactively takes it forward. The Board agreed.</p> <p>AW to organise the meeting with Anglian Water.</p>	<p>AW</p>
<p>6) Naze Education Ranger Update</p>	<p>LS gave an update of the activities that Ben has been involved with recently and the forthcoming events that have been organised.</p> <p>Ben has been on site throughout the build answering queries from the public and feedback has been very good. He continues to liaise with the local schools. Regular updates are provided via Facebook and regular blogs. 57 people are currently interested in becoming volunteers. Ben will be holding training events for the volunteers.</p> <p>LS confirmed that the Education Ranger post would not be filled when Ben finishes. She confirmed there would be staff coming in and that there would be very little gap between Ben leaving and their arrival. Ben is already working with a colleague to enable continuity.</p> <p>The Board agreed that a letter should be sent to Ben when he leaves for Uni. AW to arrange this.</p>	<p>AW</p>
<p>7) Update on Naze Education & Visitor Centre</p>	<p>CC advised that construction has almost reached the half way point and is on target. The green roof will be going on next month. The building will be handed back to EWT around Christmas time.</p> <p>JH advised that EWT’s thoughts on an official opening were to</p>	

	<p>combine this with the Annual Meeting in September 2016. Having a combined event will be more cost effective.</p> <p>JH explained that a soft opening would allow EWT to iron out any problems before the official opening. Also a celebrity is usually invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Suggestions for celebrities are: Neil Oliver, Dan Snow, Sir David Attenborough, Griff Rhys Jones, Chris Packham, Joanna Lumley, Stephen Fry.</p> <p>JH recommended a soft opening Spring 2016 and a formal opening in September 2016 – this was agreed by the Board. Sir David Attenborough was the preferred first choice of the Board. EWT to set a date and approach Sir David Attenborough first.</p>	
<p>8) Communications</p>	<p>A copy of the latest newsletter and magazine was handed out. CC confirmed that 600 copies of the newsletter had been delivered and also 1200 sent to Trust members in Tendring along with the magazine.</p> <p>CC gave an update regarding press releases. EWT will be advertising a Team Leader post shortly, this will go out as a press release.</p> <p>EWT wished to thank Cllr Fred Nicholls for his support at the recent photo call and for his overall support of the project. Open Country from Radio 4 will be visiting soon to do a piece on the Naze and the backwaters.</p> <p>Last Saturday BBC Essex broadcast promoted the Gerald Lucy event being held.</p> <p>JH confirmed he was retiring and that Dr Andrew Impey is his replacement, Dr Impey, starts in October 2015.</p> <p>ID congratulated JH on his recent MBE.</p>	
<p>9) Responsible Fossil Collecting</p>	<p>CC advised that the public have been digging in the cliff for fossils. EWT are looking to work up a brief for responsible fossil hunting. It is ok to pick up fossils off the beach but it is illegal to dig them out of the cliffs.</p> <p>MN-B confirmed that the public are not clear as to what they can and cannot do and suggested signage on the beach.</p> <p>The Board discussed the concerns and the possible use of signage to inform the public, and the wording that should/should not be used.</p> <p>EWT want to encourage people to get their finds identified at the centre.</p> <p>DH asked whether the responsibility for damage to the cliffs sat with the landowner or not. ZR of Natural England confirmed this was the case. This was something that needs to be considered.</p> <p>LS suggested putting out information about the importance of the site and encourage people to look along the beach.</p> <p>Significant finds may end up in private collections - it would be</p>	

	<p>good for them to be displayed in the centre. A major find would enhance the centre.</p> <p>AM confirmed that he would speak to his colleague in Dorset about their approach. AM to feedback to next meeting.</p> <p>MN-B confirmed that all of the items in the Tower Museum were on loan from members of the public.</p>	AM
10) Crag Walk and Breakwaters - Update	<p>DH confirmed that the annual inspection of Crag Walk had taken place. Mike Badger, TDC's Coastal Engineer looking at the issue of repositioning the existing stockpile of rocks.</p> <p>DG raised the matter of the wooden breakwaters near Crag Walk that needed repairing. DH to speak to MB regarding these and report back at next meeting.</p> <p>Responsibility for the maintenance of Crag Walk was discussed, ID confirmed that it was TDC's responsibility to maintain the existing Crag Walk construction but that it would not be TDC's responsibility to maintain any future extensions. DG raised the matter of funding for future extensions and who would take the initiative, it was confirmed that the Board would take forward.</p> <p>DH to liaise with Mike Badger to obtain an initial outline, idea of timescale, etc for future extension of Crag Walk and bring back to next meeting.</p>	DH DH
11) Any Other Business	<p>MN-B advised that the works to the Tower would take longer as more problems had been found and further work was required. This work was not been factored in with Heritage England and therefore there is a funding shortfall. Additionally the works will take longer requiring the scaffolding to remain up for longer. MN-B may be contacting Heritage England to request a further grant. There will be a further phase of work to the lower part of the Tower next year.</p>	
12) Date of next Meeting	Tuesday, 6 October 2015 at the Weeley Council Offices, Weeley	All