

## NOTES FROM NEWBOROUGH LIAISON PARTNERSHIP MEETING 26.5.05

### 1. Summary of Decisions and Actions from Meeting

Decision	Action	Who	When
From Engagement and partnerships T&F group – find out what level of involvement people want, and what else is going on in the area which has relevance to future developments and activities on the Dune and Warren	Group to consider how to gather information from Newborough people – house to house? Web site	Engagement and Partnerships group	Next meeting June 9th
	Any ideas on how to do this – pass to Robert (FC)	All	ASAP
Further clarification needed on some fundamentals	More information on distribution of features within area under discussion and on meaning of Favourable Conservation Status	CCW	ASAP – for T&F groups
	Clarify if do nothing is an option for the forest	FC	ASAP – for T&F groups
	Include ref. To JNCC website in minutes	I.Miller to send ref. to Elinor <a href="http://www.jncc.gov.uk/PDF/MMH-Section%201.pdf">http://www.jncc.gov.uk/PDF/MMH-Section%201.pdf</a>	ASAP – for minutes

<p>We will start with following Task and Finish Groups (who will refine work according to the Terms of Reference set for them):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- recreation and Access</li> <li>- Habitats and Species</li> <li>- Economic</li> <li>- Education/Information</li> <li>- Engagement and Partnerships</li> </ul>	<p><u>Habitats and Species</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- merge groups to create above</li> <li>- invite Kim Burnham (FC) and Will Sandison or John Ratcliffe (CCW)</li> <li>- D.Murray to circulate discussion paper he had prepared to members of the group(also send copy to Kath to put on website)</li> <li>- Issues to cover : CCW/FC interpretation of SAC management; concept of good conservation status; level of management; range of habitats; importance of various designations; widen scope under consideration i.e. ICZM</li> <li>- Climate change issues</li> </ul>	<p>Robert (FC) to organise next meeting</p> <p>Kath (FC) to organise facilitator</p>	<p>PJI Tuesday June 14 7.00pm</p>
	<p><u>Recreation and Access</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- invite Gareth Jones (FC)</li> <li>- invite Arwel Evans (PROW – Ynys Môn CC)</li> <li>- invite Richard Boyce</li> <li>- discuss membership further at next meeting</li> <li>- Issues to cover : horse riding routes, wardening, legal status of foreshore, marketing</li> </ul>	<p>Enid to organise next meeting</p> <p>Kath (FC) to organise facilitator</p>	<p>PJI June 10 7.30pm</p>

	<u>Economics</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- invite Mike Webb and representative from local authority Economic Development section</li> <li>- Issues to cover : potentially beneficial (economic) initiatives related to area in question; identify sources of information and funding; seek examples from elsewhere</li> <li>- Robert (FC) to be contact point for people interested in joining this group</li> </ul>	Charles and Kate to organise next meeting – inform Kath (FC) of details in order to arrange facilitation	No details yet
Follow up to groups not convened today : education and marketing	<u>Education Group</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- find out what FC and CCW (and other groups) are already doing then decide at next LP meeting whether group is needed</li> </ul>	People interested – Simon, Elinor, Ian	No date – info. to be researched by individuals and gathered by next liaison partnership
	<u>Marketing group</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to be considered within education, economic and access/recreation group</li> <li>- anyone interested in having a specific group on this to let Elinor know</li> </ul>	All	Before next liaison partnership meeting
Coordination between task and finish group meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kath and Elinor to attend all between them</li> <li>- Minutes placed on web</li> <li>- Liaison partnership to review progress in July</li> </ul>	Convene short liaison partnership meeting to update on progress and clarify decision making	All to attend Robert to book school	!4 <sup>th</sup> July 7.pm

	All groups could convene on the day, prior to this liaison partnership meeting	Kath and Rob to coordinate	e.g. 4 pm on July 14 <sup>th</sup>
Terms of reference for Liaison partnership and Task and Finish Groups	Send any comments to Elinor	All	ASAP
	Consider at next meeting, including how decisions are made	All	July 14 <sup>th</sup>
Update people on this meeting	Engagement group to consider whether we need press release	Engagement group	Next meeting
	Everyone to update their 'constituency'	All	ASAP
Circulate contact details for everyone in partnership (Telephone and e-mail info.) and sort out mailing list to ensure efficiency	Anyone <b>not</b> willing for details to be circulated to inform Kath (FC)	All	Before June 10 <sup>th</sup>
	Everyone to let Kath (FC) know of preferred language and format for minutes and information	All	ASAP

## **2. Task and Finish Groups**

### **Recreation and Access:**

Includes following 'themes' from previous meeting (and subsequent 'additional's' – in italic):

Recreation

Access

*Line of Coastal path*

Members (at partnership meeting): Barbara James, Maureen Parry Williams, Elizabeth Lladdwy, Jane-Nellie Jones, Enid Mummery, Hefin Lloyd Roberts, Simon Parker, Lizz Webb

### **Habitats and Species**

Includes following 'themes' from previous meeting (and subsequent 'additional's' – in italics):

Species Conservation

Balance of tree cover within forest

Woodland Landscape

Balance of dunes vs forest

*Trees and red squirrels*

*Avoid habitat generalisations*

*Canopy continuity*

*Coniferous species*

*Reshape linear edges of forest*

*Geological interest*

Members (at partnership meeting) : Simon Hunt, Hugh Knott, Ian Miller. John Tripp, Laurence Jones, Chris Wynne/Geoff Radford, Craig Shuttleworth, Doug Murray

Each of the following task and Finish Groups include only a single 'theme' , as identified at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Liaison Partnership meeting:

### **Strengthening Partnerships and Engaging Community**

#### **Economic**

Members (at partnership meeting) : Kate Evans, Elionr Gwynn, Charles Cochrane

#### **Marketing**

#### **Education**

We also have an **Action Group** – which is the group working on the Circular bike track

Each of the Task and Finish Groups will consider the following cross cutting issues:

Impact on infrastructure and transport

Feelings and special nature of the area

Global issues

Baseline knowledge – requirements

Fundamentals

Health and social impacts

Dealing with anti social behaviour

It was also agreed, after discussion, that marketing and possibly education and information might also be considered by all groups unless there was a strong interest and desire to set up separate Task and Finish groups for these.

### 3. ACTION POINTS

- Send additional information on meaning of ‘favourable conservation status’ with the minutes

Favourable conservation status as defined in the Habitats Directive

***Conservation status of a natural habitat*** means the sum of the influences acting on a natural habitat and its typical species that may affect its long term natural distribution, structure and functions as well as the long term survival of its typical species within the territory referred to in Article 2 of the Directive.

The conservative [sic] status of a natural habitat will be taken as ‘favourable’ when:

- its natural range and the areas it covers within that range are stable or increasing, and
- the specific structure and functions which are necessary for its long term maintenance exist and are likely to continue to exist for the foreseeable future, and
- conservation status of typical species is favourable as defined in [Article] 1(i) of the Directive.

***Conservation status of a species*** means the sum of the influences acting on the species concerned that may affect the long-term natural distribution and abundance of its populations within the territory referred to in Article 2 of the Directive;

The conservation status will be taken as ‘favourable’ when:

- population dynamics data on the species concerned indicate that it is maintaining itself on a long term basis as a viable component of its natural habitats, and
- the natural range of the species is neither being reduced nor is likely to be reduced for the foreseeable future, and there is, and will probably continue to be, a sufficiently large habitat to maintain its populations on a long term basis

- Information on whether “Do Nothing” is an option for the forest

If we ignore the fact that the Newborough Forest lies within an area designated as a SAC, “doing nothing” is a short and possibly medium term option.

The problem is that the trees and vegetation of the woodland do not stop growing and while the annual visible changes may appear small, the woodland will change and we will reach a situation where sudden, possibly unplanned major changes are necessary. As trees grow, they get taller and conifers get taller much quicker than most broadleaf trees. The sand at Newborough is not the most stable medium in which to grow trees and the woodland is exposed to storms straight off the sea. Our experience of the area supports

the theoretical growth model for the site which indicates that that when the pines reach 20 metres in height, we can expect scattered windblow to occur. By the time the pines reach 25 metres height, we can expect 40% of the taller trees to blow over or snap. As we wish to avoid unplanned winblow, we must limit how much of the conifer area is at or near the “Terminal Height” of 25metres.