



Humber Nature Forum

10:00 p.m. Wednesday 16 September 2015
Humber Room, The Ropewalk, Barton upon Humber

Minutes

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Daryl Burdon (DB)	HNF Vice-Chair. Institute of Estuarine and Coastal Studies, University of Hull
Darren Clarke (DC)	Humber Nature Partnership
James Coupland (JC)	National Farmers Union
Mike Coverdale (MC)	HNP Director
Tony Edwards (TE)	HNP Chair /Humber Environmental Managers Network
Rob Foster (RF)	Wildfowlers
Jackie Foy (JF)	MMO
Andrew Gibson (AG)	HNF Chair/Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
Claire Horseman (DH)	Natural England
Adrian Koster (AK)	Agriculture
Clare Langrick	Humber Environmental Data Centre
Barry Longstaff (BL)	Landowner
Amanda Robinson (AR)	Landowner
Sean Kent (SK)	Lincolnshire County Council
Gordon Kell (GK)	Humber Nature Forum
Sue Manson	Environment Agency
Chloe Morris (CM)	GEES, University of Hull
Tim Page (TP)	Natural England
Peter Rogers (PR)	Landowner
Dick Shillaker (DS)	Yorkshire Branch of British Dragonfly Society
Chris Skinner (CS)	University of Hull
Tim Smith (TS)	North East IFCA
Alistair Welch (AW)	Natural England
Simon Wellock (SW)	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

Apologies

Jon Capel	Hull Nature
Ian Bowes	Natural England
Philippa Baron	Canal and River Trust
Alison Briggs	Shires IDB
Jennifer Downs	Hull City Council
John Gatenby	Farmer
Anna Moody	NLC Alkborough Flats
Tom Jeynes	ABP
Chris Manning	IDB
Sally Osgerby	Michael Osgerby (Agricultural) Ltd
Graham B Teale	West Riding Wildfowlers
Leanne Thomas	LWT
James Thurlow	Intertidal Ltd

David Turner	BTO
Faith Spencer	Environment Agency
Susan Wilson	Natural England
Phil Winn	Environment Agency

AG welcomed the group and chaired the meeting.

2. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by the Forum.

3. Presentation: Wildfowling on the Humber Estuary

RF gave an interesting presentation on the history and current wildfowling activity across the Humber estuary. This was followed by a discussion centred on the regulation and impact of wildfowling around the EMS.

4. Humber Nature Partnership (HNP) operational activity update

DC and GK gave an overview of the HNP key areas of work which included:

4.1 Overview of LNPs

DC gave a national overview of LNPs and highlighted the HNP and the GLNP as models of successful Local Nature Partnerships which are well funded and undertaking valuable work. The success of the HNP owed much to the strong existing partnership developed by Humber INCA.

DC also highlighted the excellent partnership work done around the renewal of Phillips66 monobouy pipeline from Tetney into the mouth of the Humber Estuary.

The HNP Award closing date is the 25 September 2015 and the Humber Conference will take place at the Hull Guildhall on the 25 November 2015.

4.2 Estuary TV

The "Our Estuary" series has been fully broadcast and will be repeated over the coming months. The programmes are:

- The Mighty Humber
- Mud, glorious mud
- Natural Neighbours
- A New Coastline
- Creatures of the Humber
- Round up.

4.3 Humber Hounds

GK informed the group that the programme of monthly events was continuing and they had been involved with the Barton Walking Festival.

4.4 Recreational Management Strategy

The draft Recreational Management Strategy was still awaiting comments from the Humber Bird Disturbance Group and comments were awaited.

4.5 HERAG and HNF

Administration services were continuing to be provided to HERAG and HNF.

4.6 The Humber Bird Tracking Project

Real progress had been made of this project and funds were in place to undertake the data collection work and significant funding had been received for NE to undertake the data analysis.

4.7 HMS Delivery

The delivery plan was on track

4.8 In-combination project

The design of the database was well underway and the next stage was the programme development.

4.9 HNP ESIF Bid

Extensive work had been done in preparing an ESIF Bid outline application in partnership with NLC, the EA and the LWT. The bid focussed on the creation of new wetland habitat between Barton Haven and New Holland linked to improvements in flood defence work. The bid will be submitted on the 25 September 2015.

5. Humber updates

5.1 Institute of Estuarine and Coastal Studies, University of Hull

DB highlighted the institute's managed re-alignment monitoring work to establish habitat creation and wildlife presence, bird surveys for AMEP, East Riding coastal condition report, and applications for research funding under Horizon 20/20 EcoRest and Valuing Nature in relation in the 2013 storm surge.

5.2 National Farmers Union

JC updated the group on the NFU's restructuring and confirmed he would be the representative at future meetings.

5.3 Humber Environmental Managers Network

TE confirmed discussions were underway to look at joint meetings with the HNF and the Humber Environmental Managers Network. He also mentioned the forthcoming **2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference**, to be held in [Paris](#), from November 30 to December 11. He further mentioned the review of the River Basin Management Plan for the Humber river basin will be completed at the end of the 2015.

5.4 MMO

JF updated the group the work done on the Phillips66 pipeline, new regulations on the size of sea bass and the visit of a Danish research vessel to Hull,

5.5 Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

AG updated the group on near-completion of the refurbishment of the Spurn lighthouse. He also added that saltmarsh lamb is being supplied to a major supermarket. LIDAR information is being made more widely available. LIDAR (light/radar) is remote sensing technology that measures distance by illuminating a target with a laser and analyzing the reflected light.

MC updated the group on the success of the little tern project at Spurn during 2015.

5.6 Natural England

TP updated the group on the wildfowling licensing progress, the South Humber Gateway strategic mitigation work, in-combination database, AMEP and Greenport consenting, and the effect of marine piling on harbour porpoises

CH updated the group on the lamprey monitoring work and informed the group that Natural England had just started an information gathering and informal consultation exercise on a proposed Greater Wash SPA.

AW introduced himself to the group.

5.7 Agriculture

AK suggested information about the information about the Humber Estuary EMS could be provided for the P&O ferries. The Humber Nature App would be useful in this regard. He also mentioned linking the "Our Estuary" series to Look North and Radio York.

5.8 Lincolnshire County Council

SK informed the group about the devolution of powers to regional groups of local authorities and these groups had identified key spending objectives.

5.9 Environment Agency

SM said the EA are reviewing the Humber MP's business case, the Flood Risk Management Strategy and the capital works programme.

5.10 Hull University

CM is continuing her work on the GIS modelling of the Humber estuary and Holderness coastline. This includes geo changes and sea level monitoring.

CS updated the group on presenting the Humber climate change 3D model at the Freedom Festival in Hull. It was a great success and a lot of visitors tried the virtual reality demonstration. The model has won an award. CS was also working with CM on the outcomes of the Dynamic Humber project.

5.11 Humber Environmental Data Centre (HEDC)

CL updated the group on the purchase of a drone which had been used to observe the East Yorkshire coastal habitat. The HEDC had put in a joint bid with NE to the HLF to develop legacy data.

5.12 Landowners

PR expressed his concern about motorcyclists using the sea defence pathway for off road activity which was damaging the defence and endangering the public. The group was encouraged to report incidents.

5.13 Yorkshire Branch of British Dragonfly Society

DS briefly updated the group on his work with the Fresh Water Habitat Trust in relation to dragonflies at Broomfleet.

5.14 North East IFCA

TS informed the group about new regulations for anglers and the catching of sea bass in terms of size (42cm) and a 3 fish bag limit. Eelgrass is being protected in the Spurn area of the estuary. There is a national review of fisheries management in European Marine Sites.

5.15 Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

SW introduced himself as LG successors and looked forward to participating in future meetings. He spoke about the success of reed warblers, bearded tits and bittern on the NNR. He was currently working on 8 management plans and dealing with off road bikers around Far Ings. He was also working with Able UK Ltd on the control of sedimentation and the sluice gate at the Killingholme Pits.

7. AOB and dates of forthcoming meetings

GK mentioned that discussions had started with the Yorkshire Nature Triangle team to develop new signage at The Deep in Hull.

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