



**Humber Nature Forum  
2p.m., 10th September 2014  
The Ropewalk, Barton upon Humber**

## Minutes

### 1. Introductions and apologies

Adrian Koster	YCF/RGS
Amanda Robinson	Local resident
Andrew Gibson	HNF Chair/Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
Barry Longstaff	Humber Conservation Volunteers
Caroline Steel	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
Chris Jackson	Tata Steel
Clare Langrick	HEDC
Cliff Morrison	HNP board member/Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
Darren Clarke	Humber Nature Partnership
Daryl Burdon	HNF Vice-Chair. Institute of Estuarine and Coastal Studies, University of Hull
Dick Shillaker	Volunteer naturalist
Gordon Kell	Humber Nature Forum
Helen Devlin	NE IFCA
James Duke	Environment Agency
James Thurlow	Intertidal Ltd
Kevin Lenthall	Total LOR
Laura Grantham	Carter Jonas
Nathan Veer	KAPACITI
Peter Rogers	Landowner New Holland
Rachel Wood	MMO
Richard Barnard	RSPB
Richard Borrill	Tata Steel
Sean Kent	Lincolnshire County Council
Susan Manson	Environment Agency
Susan Wilson	Natural England
Tania Davey	Humber Nature Partnership
Teresa James	North East Lincolnshire Council
Vaughan Grantham	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Tony Edwards	HNP board member/Humber Environmental Managers Network
Vicky Rae	TCC EMS

### Apologies

Alex Codd	Hull City Council
Andrew Taylor	North Lincolnshire Council
Chris Manning	LMDB
Emma Willmot	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
Jenny Coulling	Philips 66

Laura Rhodes	Environment Agency
Sally Osgerby	Michael Osgerby (Agricultural) Ltd
Pete Short	RSPB
Tom Jeynes	ABP
Victoria Burgess	ELDC

## 2. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

## 3. Presentation – Water Framework Directive and the Humber Catchment Plan consultation, James Duke, Environment Agency

James is the Catchment Coordinator for East Yorkshire and provided background to the Water Framework Directive and the Humber Catchment Plan. The presentation can be found [here](#).

JD reported that the consultation for the Humber Catchment Plan has been delayed. The group was also informed that the Humber Nature Partnership has been approved as the host for the Humber Estuary Catchment Partnership. The Humber Estuary sits as an operational catchment but still within the catchment plans north and south of the estuary. However, as the HNP is set up as the catchment host, Humber Estuary interests will be represented.

JD gave some background on the targets for the Humber Estuary in terms of the Water Framework Directive. As the Humber Estuary is a heavily modified waterbody, it is required to reach good ecological potential.

In terms of funding projects, as the Humber is a European Marine Site, a cost benefit analysis process is not required. However, projects still need to gain approval in terms of affordability.

The role of the catchment host is to be the public face of the Water Framework Directive and to work with local communities to look for innovative ways to deliver actions.

DC outlined that the HNP has taken on the catchment partnership host role as the organisation is already set up to deliver partnership working as shown by the varied attendance at Humber Nature Forum meetings. The Humber Nature Forum will be used as the group to develop ideas and projects. The HNP will work to ensure that everyone is informed about the upcoming consultation.

## 4. Humber Management Scheme updated EMS plan consultation

TD informed the group that the action plan for the Humber EMS has been updated and will be soon available for comment.

DC outlined that it was the intention for the HMS action plan to be a live document that is reviewed and updated regularly. It will act as an overarching document and help with the integration of other actions.

## 5. HNF Terms of Reference

The group approved the HNF terms of reference.

## 6. Humber updates

CM informed the group that the flood gates at Donna Nook have now been opened and the site is already looking very good for breeding birds e.g. 9 pairs of avocet

VG outlined that the East Riding of Yorkshire Local Plan would soon be undergoing a public enquiry.

TJ reported that North East Lincolnshire Council is working on a £1.2m flood bid.

PR raised that the Humber Bridge Board is considering increasing the lighting on the Bridge in 2017. DC reported that the HNP had been included in some discussions regarding this which are at very early stages. DC is happy to report back on this at the next meeting.

JT reported that he had been working on the Estuary TV programme 'Our Estuary'.

CS reported that Far Ings Visitors Centre is now open after the flood. There is a landscape partnership bid in the development stage being led by Humber Headlevels which goes from the Humber Bridge west.

SK informed the group that Lincolnshire County Council was also supporting the bid as mentioned by TJ.

SM also reported that the Environment Agency was also involved in the flood bid. The Environment Agency has also been involved in a lot of recovery work following the tidal surge.

RB reported that RSPB has acquired Hook Island which is important for little egrets. RSPB is also working with ABP to develop management measures for Whitton Island. There has been a great success the management of a pair of breeding Montagu's harriers, which are only 1 of 9 in the country, thanks to the support of the HNP, Natural England and volunteers.

CJ reported that Tata Steel was working on the industrial emissions directive to ensure compliance and similarly with WFD compliance at Bottesford Beck.

TE reported that there will be a climate change resilience conference on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October.

AK asked if there was a role for the HNP/HNF to raise the profile of the importance of the Humber as part of the Hull City of Culture and offered his support. DC suggested that this could be done in partnership with a range of organisations around the estuary.

DB reported on the work of the Institute of Estuarine and Coastal Studies including Humber biotope surveys, investigations on the morphological and ecological impacts of the storm surge, Welwick and Skeffling bird counts, Easington Lagoon study, and benthic studies on Paull Holme Strays.

LC reported that Carta Jonas has been working on flood defence

RW reported that the MMO is running sessions with local authorities and IFCA's on the importance of the East Marine Plans. RW offered those in attendance more sessions.

DC reported that the Humber Conference would be on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2014 and which would be a half day session followed by the HNP AGM.

AG informed the group that Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has received a 2 year extension to the Outer Humber Project. The 2<sup>nd</sup> year of eelgrass surveys at Spurn have shown an expansion of the plant.

## 7. AOB and date of next meeting

Future meetings:

<b>Time and date</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Location</b>
9.30am 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Ecosystem Services: What are they? Why are they useful? How have they been applied? Daryl Burdon, IECS, University of Hull	Guild Hall, Hull
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	Humber surge recovery and flood resilience, Environment Agency	Time and location TBC
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	Site visit	Time and location TBC
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	TBC	Time and location TBC
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2015	TBC	Time and location TBC