



Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2018 at 2:30 p.m., Blakeney Hotel, Blakeney

Attendees:

Don Glaister, Alban Donohoe, John Seymour, Peter Roe, Frenesi Ewing, Paul Bishop, James Cowan, Morris Arthur

Apologies:

Neil Thompson, Iain Wolfe and Victoria Egan

Project Manager's Report:

Our financial situation is unchanged and we still have approximately £2,500 in the bank.

We are waiting for EXO to respond to our comments on their design document.

Meeting Notes:

DG was sorry to report that our bid for Coastal Community funding was unsuccessful. Reasons quoted were increased competition for the funds available and our, relative, lack of information on the benefits/jobs saved by the project. West Norfolk Marine Partnership's bid and EXO's bid were also unsuccessful.

The group briefly discussed other funding options, including crowd funding. DG had previously used somebody to help prepare funding applications on a 'no-win, no fee' so the group felt that may be worth considering if there is another major funding round to apply for.

We plan to proceed with consulting stakeholders, although we will have to put consultation with the NMO on hold until we have raised more funds as they charge an hourly consultation fee which can easily run into thousands.

Next Steps:

- Finalise EXO Design
- Review and prepare stakeholder presentation
- Arrange and have preliminary meetings with NT and Crown Estates.

Next meetings:

Thursday 29th November 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 2:30 p.m.