

# THE NAZE MANAGEMENT BOARD

## NOTES

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016

	Item	Action By
<b>1) Welcome and Introductions</b>	<p><u>Attendees</u></p> <p>Martyn Knappett MK 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 Delyth Miles DM Tendring District Council</p> <p>Cllr Mark Platt MPI Tendring District Council</p> <p>Dr Andrew Impey AI Essex Wildlife Trust</p> <p>Julian Novorol JN Naze Protection Society</p> <p>David Eagle DE Adjoining Farm Owner/Naze Protection Society</p> <p>Aileen Middleton AMid Tendring District Council (Notes)</p> <p>Mike Badger MB Tendring District Council</p> <p>Ian Taylor IT Tendring District Council</p> <p>Michelle Nye-Brown MN-B Naze Tower Owner</p> <p>Terry Allen TA Frinton &amp; Walton Town Council</p> <p>Ian Black IB Natural England</p> <p>Zoe Ringwood ZR Natural England</p> <p>John Lindsey JL Environment Agency</p>	
<b>2) Apologies for absence</b>	Ian Davidson, Andrew Hartley, David Gager, Helen Code, Dave Smart, Lisa Smart, David Hall, Nigel Brown, Kerry Rhodes	
<b>3) Notes of Last Meeting</b>	Agreed.	
<b>4) Matters Arising from the Notes of the Last Meeting</b>	NT asked MP if there was any news on the funding for the North Point from ECC Flood Committee. MP stated that discussions were ongoing.	
<b>5) Flood and Erosion Risk to the North East Corner</b>	MB has had discussions with a consultant regarding the flood and erosion issues and it is likely that they will be asked to do a piece of work on the options. MB will speak to the Portfolio Holder in due course about the funding for the consultant. The Environment Agency and partners will share the cost. There is a meeting in April with Anglian Water to discuss the matter further.	
<b>6) North Point Proposals</b>	<p>DE is re profiling the west wall with Natural England's approval.</p> <p>DE has looked at the Gabian Basket proposal again and feels that a single row will not be sufficient so he intends to put in 2 lines of baskets laid on top of a Gabian Mattress. It is likely DE will need planning permission for this proposal and also Natural England approval. ZR said this would need to be done after the bird breeding season. DE stated he would do the work starting</p>	

	1st August.	
<b>7) Update on Naze Education &amp; Visitor Centre</b>	<p>The visitor centre was handed over on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. There is a small snagging list which is on-going. EWT held 2 local and volunteer days on January 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and had a very good response to both. Around 30/40 volunteers and about 30 locals attended the sessions. The only negative feedback was the state of the road which is being discussed with IT and the security lights on the building which AI said would be differently timed to reduce the intrusion to local residents.</p> <p>Heras fencing is now down although will need to go back up when the road works begin. There is a problem with dog fouling at the rear of the building and this will be addressed as part of the land management. DM expressed a wish that the bushes at the rear of the centre remain. AI stated that there were no plans to remove them.</p> <p>The interpretation equipment is not yet in the building as a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund has been applied for. It is unlikely all the interpretation will be ready for the soft opening.</p> <p>Staffing of the centre is underway with 2 education rangers having been appointed. There was a very good response to the adverts with over 90 applicants. The centre manager secondment has been appointed and is Suzanne Eaton. The permanent centre manager is being advertised at present and should be in place in the Spring. The assistant centre manager will be recruited after the centre manager is in place.</p> <p>The date for the soft opening is not yet known due to the work on the road and the fit out progress.</p>	
<b>8) Practical Management Arrangements</b>	<p>DM asked if she could be kept informed as to the opening date for the new toilets and the closing date for the old ones as residents will want to know. MK also asked if this could be publicised.</p> <p>Parking for the formal opening was discussed, it is likely that there may be 3000 or so people at the event and this may be in the region of 1000 cars. Buses will be used and DE offered a field for additional parking. IT will arrange this with DE in a separate meeting.</p> <p>MNB stated she had a private view that evening and didn't want congestion around the Tower in case it put people off.</p>	
<b>9) Communications</b>	<p>The quotations for the signs have come in with the best one being about £3,000. MK suggested that AI, ID and MNB deal with this issue of signs and costs separately.</p> <p>It was commented that the protocol for press releases was that all press releases were copied to partners before they went out. This had not happened recently. AI stated that he would deal</p>	

	<p>with this. The next press release from TDC will be for the soft opening due to the toilets provision changes. EWT will not publish for the soft opening in case things are not ready.</p> <p>Walks and other education provisions are already underway and this will increase as soon as the education rangers start work.</p>	
<b>10) Naze Tower Update</b>	<p>The scaffolding is down and the Tower is almost finished, final date will be the end of February. MNB has met with Emma Saunston from EWT who is the education officer and the partnership for educational bookings will start in September once the centre is fully operational.</p>	
<b>11) Land Management Responsibilities on the Wider Naze</b>	<p>MB confirmed that the Crag Walk rocks have been moved to tie the Crag into the cliff again and prevent the sea from eroding behind the defence. MB thanked DE for access to the Crag for the contractors over his land.</p> <p>Work on the timber groynes is still on-going but will continue until it is finished. Delayed due to the weather and tides.</p> <p>DM stated that she had received lots of positive feedback about the work at the Naze.</p>	
<b>12) AOB</b>	<p>DM stated that she was concerned that the centre will have a detrimental effect on the Tower and the Café in terms of loss of revenue.</p> <p>AM stated that the café have not engaged with the centre or the staff at all but that MNB was working with EWT for the best outcome. AM also stated that the café had a very different offer from either the Tower or the Centre.</p> <p>MNB stated that she was concerned as she supported the EWT plans when the catering offer was just vending machines. This has now changed. She also has no accessible inside seating and feels that the business is weather dependent. However it was pointed out that this is nothing to do with the centre opening. She will report back to the Board in 1 year if the Tower has suffered due to EWT and the centre.</p> <p>AI stated that he does not want to cause friction for either the Tower or the café but feels that this won't happen as there will be more visitors. AI also pointed out that EWT will drive business but that it is a 2 way street and the other businesses on the site will also need to drive business too.</p> <p>IT asked about the coaches and DM stated that they were only allowed 3 coaches at the Naze. AM pointed out that the lease states the number of coaches which are allowed to park and the rest will come and drop off and then park in Bathhouse Meadow. Nikki Nepean (TDC) and LS will be liaising regarding the booking of the coaches.</p>	

	DE asked about an article in the local paper which had printed incorrect information regarding the North Point. JL responded and said that this was misinformation and that it was being dealt with by them.	
<b>13) Date of next Meeting</b>	2.30pm on Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 – Council Chamber, Weeley Offices	