

**Name of Advisory Group:**

Natural Environment Advisory Group

6 Feb 2022

**Discussion Items/Briefing notes**

1	<p>The group believe that a permanent solution to the lighting of beacons and are having preparatory discussions with the local Royal Legion in preparation for the Stewardship Group meeting. SJ has written to Dave Bull setting out a process to consider further. <b>This matter is closed. There will be no beacon to celebrate the Coronation</b></p>
2	<p>Disability access to Beacon Hill has been discussed by Beacon Hub and a plan has been agreed that is now with a drafting engineer. <b>The project is included in the S106 proposals and we await knowing if this has been accepted and how much money before firming up on proposals</b></p> <p>Disability access to the high tide mark on the beach has been discussed and it was agreed to follow up on the use of the £30k for this purpose in the BHCC budget <b>A facility is to be installed at Rottingdean beach Details from Seafront Officer requested. No reply received and the access has been installed at Saltdean.</b></p>
3	<p>PARC have forwarded tentative proposals to spend a further £11,000 on the story telling area by installing large pebbles and seating. <b>A grant application to VCAG for support will be forthcoming</b></p>
4	<p>The issue of the cliff face has been discussed on site with the Seafront Officer from BHCC. A letter has been drafted to be discussed with the Clerk recording our concerns. <b>Discussion is now underway regarding the response to the 2021 report. The latest email to BHCC offers information and support but point to the damage in 2022</b></p>
5	<p>Beacon Hub have agreed that the car park should be opened 24/7 and are currently seeking a parking machine that would allow 1 hour free then charge. <b>Ongoing discussions are taking place regarding opening the café more frequently and opening the car park</b></p> <p><b>A quotation for stones, from an alternative supplier, for Sheep Walk has been received. £1029.65 plus VAT for supply and installation. NEAG are proposing to RPC that we buy these stones</b></p>
6	<p>The damage to the Terraces has not been progressed as we are awaiting a contractor to be appointed by BHCC. Rottingdean Arts have painted the wall and floor surfaces and repaired the storeroom door. Still outstanding awaiting BHCC. Mrs Wales has complained about the dangerous steps leading to the stage. <b>No further progress</b></p>
7	<p>The pond pathway project to improve access requires a new contractor and further requests are being made. <b>An issue of flooding at the pond has been investigated by Nick the Ranger to day and we await feedback. The feedback is that RPC should fund a contractor. Pete the Ponds contract does not cover this. Decision needed on funding.</b></p> <p><b>An alternative supplier has been found and a meeting arranged. Original contractor has renewed interest but has been informed we cannot proceed yet. To be investigated</b></p>
8	<p>A meeting with BHCC to consider additional cycle stands by the Undercoft has been proposed by PARC has been positively considered. <b>Plan provided by BHCC for cycles on the sea side of the Undercliff</b></p> <p>NEAG do not think that the signage for dog owners is adequate and will be formulating a proposal. <b>Nadine Fox to follow up with BHCC</b></p>