

National Beach Safety Council
Southern Region - 25th May 2006

Present:-

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| Chris Saunders | Bournemouth Council (Chair) |
| Gary Foyle | Christchurch Borough Council (Vice Chair) |
| Julie Woodhouse | Bournemouth Council |
| Brian Cummings | Bournemouth Council |
| Kevin Guard | Weymouth and Portland Council |
| Carol Hynard | Havant Council |
| Matt Horton | RNLI |
| Barry Heathfield | RNLI |
| Brian Montgomery | Rockly Park |
| Ray Turner | Poole Borough Council |
| Emma Wright | National Trust Studland |

Apologies:-

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| Alison Holmes | Swansea Council |
| Chris Lewis | PB CLSA |
| Ralph Pilmour | Portsmouth Council |
| Paul Mewson | Southampton Council |
| Peter Aston | Purbeck Council |
| Peter Sunderland | West Dorset Council |

No Responses:-

Isle of Wight Council
Fareham Council
Gosport Council
New Forest Council

1. Apologies and Introduction

Chris Saunders asked if everyone could pass on contacts from those missed off the invite list. Chris Saunders to contact the MCA for the next meeting.

2. Note of Previous Meeting

Accepted

3. RNLI Update

Matt Horton updated the group on the progress with the Public Rescue Equipment (PRE) project. This is currently in the trial stage. Not much available that is particularly effective. Some new technology coming on stream that may be of benefit.

- Matt updated the group on the roll out of RNLI services and the re-negotiation of contracts
- RNLI writing safety management plan for the beaches they operate on already sent to Bournemouth, Poole and Weymouth
- RNLI looking at options for lifeguard towers comments on the concepts invited. Matt to distribute images to those interested

- No real incidents as yet - this season - everything very quiet!
- Possible staffing shortages for lifeguards identified next year. RNLI helping develop clubs and avoid this problem.

4. Bylaws

Notes on procedure to adopt a non-model byelaw previously sent by Weymouth distributed to all.

Chris Saunders outlined aspirations for a water-based byelaw for the surf reef (complete exclusion for boats). Meeting with MCA shortly to consider. Poole Borough Council also at meeting.

Carol Hayward asked for copy of everyone's bylaws to be forwarded to her for reference.

5. Beach Lifeguards

Chris Saunders updated the group surrounding the mandatory beach life guarding debate and circulated NBSC press release. No decision expected from ODPM in near future.

6. Incident Reporting

All happy with incident reporting procedures. Some issues at Bournemouth but to be handled locally. RNLI made request for all incidents to be reported annually through the Beream database to enable an accurate profile of incidents to be completed.

7. Risk Assessment Story

All agreed it would be good to share risk assessments. Ray to approach UKBMF to include this on the website. Some discussions around the various risk assessment procedures available.

8. Avian Flu

Some bird flu advice distributed. Everyone seemed very up to date with the various procedures. Gary clarified that Defra to be notified in the following areas:

1. dead swan / duck
2. 3 dead if some species in suspiciously small areas
3. 5 different species

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Chris Saunders highlighted the NBSC website is available for advice. Notes of this meeting to be posted on the website. Next national NBSC meeting scheduled for Sunday 8th October in Stratford prior to the ROSPA conference.

10. Brian Cummings South West for UKBMF
Ray gave quick update on the ENCAS quality Chart Award Scheme
Discussion about consistent Kids Safe / Kidzone schemes

Date of Next Meeting - 22nd November 2006 at 2pm
To be hosted by Poole