

REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

RECORD OF MEETING

SUBJECT:	COWBAR STEERING GROUP MEETING
DATE:	19 TH NOVEMBER 2025
LOCATION:	TEAMS

Present:

Simon Houldsworth – RCBC Transport Highways and Engineering Strategy Manager
Sarah Parsons – RCBC Technical Clerk (taking minutes)
Emma Garbutt – RCBC Senior Legal Officer
Sarah Moulder – RCBC Senior Legal Officer
Brian Masterton – RCBC Estates Surveyor
Carl Quartermain – RCBC Councillor
Wayne Davies – RCBC Councillor
Tim Brown – RCBC Conservation Advisor
David Shea – AtkinsRealis
Joe Allen – Environment Agency
Jonathan Kellagher – Environment Agency
Emma Hick – Haskoning
Sam Dibaj – JN Bentley
Ashley Line – RNLI
Andrew Wiggins – Yorkshire Water
Tom Aidens – Not noted
Oliver Beal – Not noted
Andrew Green – MMB – Contractor for Yorkshire Water
Robin Siddle – North Yorkshire Council
Peter Jones – North Yorkshire Moors National Park Representative
Colin Harrison – Cowbar Resident
Ann Johnson – Cowbar Resident

Apologies:

Lyndsey Hall – RCBC Coastal Flooding and Drainage Engineer
Ross Asadi – RCBC Transport Engineering and Highways Service Lead
Marian Fairley – RCBC Councillor
Jason Alred – Yorkshire Water
Robert Green – Yorkshire Water
Dave Robinson – North Yorkshire Council
Tim Gray – RCBC Councillor
Linda White – RCBC Councillor
Chris France – North Yorkshire Moors National Park
Allison Hughes – Haskoning

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	<p>1. Introductions</p> <p>Cllr Quartermain chairing meeting today.</p> <p>All parties introduced themselves and their role in the steering project.</p> <p>2. Minutes from previous meeting</p> <p>No issues arising from previous minutes of first meeting on 17th September 2025.</p> <p>3. Project Update</p> <p>David Shea (Design Lead for realignment) from AtkinsRealis discussed the design progress and developments since surveys and investigations have been carried out. DS confirmed there have been various investigations which include utility surveys, utility mapping and drainage surveys although there were outstanding aspects of drainage including sourcing outlet.</p> <p>Showing the drawing after the Topo (attached).</p> <p>With regards to the investigations into the piles there are some positives that have come from the investigations but more surveys are required. They will be looking for more data from previous schemes so they can ascertain the design of the piles already in place as there seems to be different</p>	

	<p>plans/maps and materials that may have been used. AtkinsRealis will be doing more surveys to conclude the location of piles prior to completing the realignment design. Hoping to have them done before Christmas.</p> <p>DS confirmed once they have results from surveys and pile inofmation they will look to go ahead with the design. They have a concept design and will be considering street lighting and potential parking options for residents.</p> <p>Concerns were raised from Cowbar residents regarding the gradient of the realigned road to ensure it is manageable and not too steep for users.</p> <p>DS confirmed all concerns and comments will be taken on board and once the design is in place they can then look to make plans for the car parking and street lighting.</p>	
	<p>4. Internal Processes</p> <p>Brian Masterton confirmed the acquisition of 2 Cowbar is still outstanding. There is no agreement in place as yet but is hoping that this will happen shortly and solicitors can be instructed.</p> <p>5. External Processes</p> <p>Emma Hick from Haskoning confirmed they are in the early stages of starting to draft the business case. They will await the pile investigations before progressing any further and there are other studies which will form part of the business case.</p>	

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	<p>6. Project Plan</p> <p>DS indicates that they are able to progress with the concept design now they have the Topographical survey results.</p> <p>Plans are to have a 2D fixed design in early 2026 with the full design to be completed by April 2026 with work starting after this with a completion by end of Summer 2026.</p> <p>Confirmation that they will work alongside Yorkshire Water with regards to when their works will commence however there is no dates confirmed as yet.</p> <p>7. Funding/Bid</p> <p>Joe Allen from the EA updated the steering group with regards to where funding is at. The Government are assisting with coastal/flooding projects and a bid has been put in place for Cowbar however at the moment this is not supported by committee. Cowbar is not on the priority list for funding at the moment, but they will keep on applying and searching for more funding from elsewhere. Other works that are further down the line in construction are taking priority.</p> <p>Simon Houldsworth confirmed that himself and Lyndsey Hall have approached others for funding however the Business Case needs completing and all scheme costs identified to be able to push forward with any contributions.</p>	

8. Wider Comms

Confirmation that there is now a designated webpage for the Cowbar realignment and this can be accessed via RCBC website.

<https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/environment/managing-our-coastlines/cowbar-and-staithes-coastal-strategy>

This will be updated with all minutes from meetings including any PowerPoint presentations, plans and updates in order that all residents can keep up to date.

It has been requested that on minutes the job titles of all parties are included for information.

9. A.O.B

There are a few concerns raised for once work commences at Cowbar. These are that consideration is given for emergency vehicles to be able to access the full bank at Cowbar if required and waste bin collections.

Confirmation that priority will be taken to ensure there is as little disruption as possible when work starts.

Next Meeting : 21st January 2026 @ 2pm

