

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

PLEASANT POINT YACHT CLUB AND RIVER CHANGES

Jocelyn Humphries, Commodore of the Pleasant Point Yacht Club, was in attendance to express the Club's concerns about erosion in the lower Avon River.

The Club is concerned at: erosion of the east riverbank upstream of the Bridge Street bridge; the risk of the river changing to a more southerly alignment towards the Club's river frontage and undermining and destabilising retaining walls and ramps; a shift in the channel east of the Club leaving a sand bar affecting the start/finish area, and loss of valuable salt marsh areas.

The Club sought the continued monitoring of the river in the particular areas of concern, and assistance with protecting the existing retaining walls by laying of fill and gravel. Planting at the east riverbank upstream was also suggested to assist with the regeneration of the salt marsh.

Peter Haughey and Bevan Sharp of the South New Brighton Residents' Association were also in attendance concerning erosion in the lower Avon River. In particular, the Association was concerned at the loss of historic indigenous salt marsh at the east riverbank upstream of the Bridge Street bridge.

The Association sought protection of the wetlands in this area with hard fill below the low water level and possibly aggregate or gabions above the low water level. By maintaining the status quo, the Association suggested that more extensive work would be avoided in the longer term.

The Board's decision is recorded under Part B, clause 3 of this report.