

Briefing on Middle Beach

June 2017

SPC representatives on MBWG

A very brief history.....

- Spring 2016: NT announced closure of Middle Beach café and other facilities, dismantling of sea defences, and a plan for new café in the car park
- Parish meeting opposed this, and supported resolution to NT AGM calling for café to stay open, and to strengthen sea defences
- This led to a 6 month consultation process between NT and SPC. Fortnightly meetings, chaired by Peter Bowyer. Other SPC / community representatives were: Nick Boulter, Peter Hammond, Julie Dyball, Andrew Parsons, Mike Cheeseman, Robin White
- Meetings included large workshop with outside and local experts
- Commissioned an architect: Levitate, with SPC involved
- Natural England representative outlined planning considerations:

Options for Middle Beach

- The consultation process led to 8 different options:
 1. Refurbish existing buildings and gabions, plus some new sea defences
 2. Full refurbishment, plus rebuilding of sea defences
 3. New café on mid tier, plus new sea defences: 3 derivatives of this
 4. New café on cliff edge – beach reverts to “natural”
 5. New café at rear of car park– beach reverts to “natural”
 6. New moveable café: mid-tier to cliff edge to rear of car park in 3 moves – beach reverts to “natural”