

## **Workshop report back and discussion**

Working in plenary, the three workshops presented their 3 most significant issues:

### **Coastal defence, transportation, hinterland planning and prosperity**

1. Understanding risks – especially of climate / environmental change
2. Communicating risks to livelihoods and consequences of risks
3. Business case and guidance on action

### **The sea as provider & resource, multiple use, planning and environment**

1. Understanding the needs of interest groups
2. Who holds the power and how?
3. Maritime Forum as a process for discussion and dialogue rather than a structure

### **Year round communities, regeneration, seasonality, social exclusion and demographics**

1. Transport links – end of line seaside towns
  - old infrastructure
  - getting materials in and product out
  - people on the coast often need to make long bus journeys to get anywhere – could be quicker by sea
2. Coastal towns need individual identity - with vision
  - towns need to be diverse or even odd!
  - it is not the same answer everywhere
3. House prices. Second homes
  - is the original community as important / more important than the 'new' second home community (who bring in money etc)
  - can we encourage second home entrepreneurs to stay and live here – become first home owners?

The presentation of these summaries provoked the following points:

- Use case examples to help us learn for the future – and record practical points
- Encourage more cooperation between communities (of interest and place) to learn from experiences
- Small changes can make a difference
- Cross links between groups' conclusions must be recognised
- Need to get a grip on the consequences – what exactly are they?
- Need to educate people about maritime issues – more information
- Education must go both ways i.e. listen as well as talk
- Need to see Devon within its SW peninsular context
- What do people outside Devon think about issues such as house prices and second homes?
- Representation on Forum – who? Scope? Who drives it?
- Need to keep discussing the Forum's membership – be inclusive
- How can this Forum link with similar fora – at other tiers?
- Note the emphasis on socio-economic and governance issues in proposed work
- How to make something happen from debate + work + discussion of Forum?
- How to compensate people for change i.e. in managed coastal retreat; when spatial planning and regeneration requires businesses to move / change
- These points are generic, could apply to any coast. We need to mine down to the Devon level, understand our own situation to have any local effectiveness

Also need to consider own history, use the historical perspective, own context and patterns e.g. Dawlish railway story