



Firth of Clyde Forum Core Group Meeting

Wednesday 20th March, 2013,

Scottish Government Offices

Room 201, Europa Building, 450 Argyle Street, Glasgow.

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Agenda

		Time	Lead
	Sandwich Lunch	1330	
1	Welcome and Apologies	1355	Isabel Glasgow
2	Minutes and Action Points from last meeting	1400	IG
3	Work Plan for the coming year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assessment of proposed work plan including updates on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sea Level Rise Project ○ INNS project 		SB
4	Project updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Biosecurity Plan implementation ➤ Mapping Recreational Access ➤ Community Mapping ➤ Landscape Seascape Assessment – update and a discussion on how to embed this work in partner organisations 		SB
5	Other Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Marine Planning Partnership ➤ Atlantic Strategy ➤ Marine Tourism Conference ➤ Marine Regions Consultation ➤ Visit from Annabel Goldie MSP 		SB/IG
6	Update from Core Group members	1500	ALL
7	Any Other Business	1540	ALL
8	Future Meeting Date	1550	ALL
	Close	1600	



Minutes

Firth of Clyde Forum, Core Group Meeting 20th March 2013

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PRESENT

Isabel Glasgow (IG) FoCF Chair

Phillip Cowie (PC) UMBSM

Rebecca Dean (RD) Scottish Salmon Company

Ron Bailey (RB) Clydeport

John Esslemont (JE) Ayrshire Joint Structure
Plan

Mark Steward (MS) A&BC

Rhona Fairgrieve (RF) Scottish Coastal Forum

Sarah Brown (SB) FoCF

Carolyn Elder (CE) BMFS

Arthur Keller (AK) SNH

APOLOGIES

Archie MacFarlane (AMacF) Clyde Fishermen's
Association

Paul Bancks (PB) The Crown Estate

Michelle Carroll (MC) GCVSPJC

Toby Wilson (TW) RSPB

Deirdre Craddock (DC) GCC

Ethel-May Abel (EMA) GCC

Donald McLaren (DMcL) RYAS and CYCA

David Adams McGilp, VS

Wendy Geary, MS

Roger Horne, Clydeport

Clive Haywood, MoD

1) Minutes

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. A new representative from the British Marine Federation Scotland, Carolyn Elder, was welcomed to the Core Group as a replacement for Mike Balmforth who sadly passed away last year.

2) Matters Arising

Marine Litter – this is now one of the descriptors of Good Environmental Status (GES) under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). The Marine Scotland marine litter strategy is due to go out to consultation this summer. RF to check timings.

Action Point – RF to check timings

Zero Waste Scotland – the impact of this strategy on SME’s is starting to be understood. May be a good idea to have some more information for the next meeting. SB to organise.

Action Point – SB to organise Zero Waste information for circulation to Core Group

Action Points from previous meeting

	<p>Structure and Governance: The Forum to identify the key topics for further discussion. SB to canvas for a date in late January for the subgroup to meet, all interested core group members are welcome.</p>	<p>SB DONE</p>
	<p>National Planning Framework: John Esselmont to lead on submitting a proposal for the Clyde to be recognised as a ‘National Development’ by 14th December. Interested members of the core group are welcome to be involved but the short time scale should be noted.</p>	<p>JE DONE</p>
	<p>Community Mapping – Clyde Breakers back issues should be sent out to the new database to expand our mailing list, especially to Community Councils.</p>	<p>SB Will be done at next mailing</p>
	<p>Marine Litter – Further engagement with Area Advisory Group is necessary to ensure that marine and coastal litter issues are dealt with by all Local Authorities in the Clyde. There are opportunities to build this into the second round of River Basin Management Plans.</p>	<p>Discussed at this meeting – Core Group members to take opportunities to feed into AAG</p>
	<p>Recreational Access</p> <p>SB to continue to liaise with access officers and relevant recreational clubs. DONE</p> <p>SB/LMcD to add web links where possible. Ongoing</p> <p>SB to discuss the ‘status’ heading with access officers and ensure that it is a useful dataset. Consider adding a caveat that clarifies what ‘status’ refers to. Ongoing</p> <p>SB to ensure there is a point of contact where landowners can</p>	

	<p>request for their private access point to be removed from the data set. Ongoing</p> <p>SB to ensure that any conservation designations are included in the access database. Can be downloaded as a layer from SNH.</p>	
	<p>Clyde Breakers</p> <p>SB to investigate the possibility of including libraries in the circulation list for Clyde Breakers. DONE</p> <p>Laurin to write a story on her work on recreational access DONE</p> <p>Paul Bancks to supply an article on mooring maintenance. DONE</p> <p>Include article on SeaChangers for next edition of Clyde Breakers. DONE</p>	
	<p>Future projects</p> <p>Sea Level Rise and INNS - SB to submit a bid to SNH by Friday 7th Dec. Both were successful raising a £20k and £15k respectively.</p>	DONE

3) Work Plan for 2013-14

In general the work plan for the following year was agreed.

Some amendments to the **Sea Level Rise project** included:

- Remove specific reference to Glasgow City Airport and replace with 'infrastructure'
- Case study – this should be identified during the course of the research and not predefined.
- Include Northern Lighthouse Board, Hunterson, Scottish Water, Local Authority Flood risk and Roads Departments, EDF Energy and SEPA as partners/key stakeholders.
- RB to supply data from Clydeport tide gauges. Others to assist by seeking data sources within their own organisations.
- SB to circulate a brief about the project and why we are doing it to the Core Group that they might better seek support and funding from their organisations.

Action Point : SB to make these amendments to SLR project.

Action Point : Core Group to seek funding and support/data sources on receipt of briefing from SB

Biosecurity Best Practice

- Include detail in the final report about how local authorities may use biosecurity in the planning department and local development plans.
- Ensure that project plan is circulated to core group members prior to contract being advertised.

4) Project Updates

The updates were taken as read. SB confirmed she would circulate end of year financial summary.

Community Database

- Include time in the workplan to update the database once a year.
- Send invitation for people to sign up to receive the newsletter.
- Change title to 'On the Clyde' not In.

Landscape/Seascape

Dissemination of this information is very important.

- SB to organise with Alison Grant to run a number of workshops to help raise awareness of the work. Invites should be extended to local authorities, Marine Scotland and MS Science, other Local Coastal Partnerships, Irish Sea Forum members, members of the Landscape Institute, Planning Departments and relevant University Departments.
- Work with the Sharing Good Practice team at SNH to design the events and advertise them.

INNS

- Send posters to all Local Coastal Partnerships.

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5) Other Updates

Regional Partnerships – Richard Lohead MSP announced in February that the Clyde and Shetland are to be the first two regions to go forward as Marine Planning Partnerships. They will be active regions by 2014. Firth of Clyde Forum is to work more closely with Zac Tuck at Marine Scotland on this.

Regional Marine Boundaries consultation is now closed. The Forum submitted a consultation response. Boundaries will be announced by the summer.

Atlantic Strategy – Clyde Forum submitted a response to the call for projects but no response has been received. Argyll and Bute also responded.

Cross Party Symposium – Clyde Forum was involved in organising the Cross Party Symposium on marine tourism at Holyrood recently. 100 people attended on the 8th of March 2013, the event was the first large scale CPG symposium at the Parliament building at Holyrood. The aim of the day was to discuss how the sector could progress and how it could work more closely with the agencies who are tasked with supporting them. Key note addresses were made by Paul Wheelhouse, MSP and Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Stuart McMillan, MSP and Convener of the CPG, Stephen Leckie, Chair of the Scottish Tourism Alliance and Malcolm Roughead, CEO of Visit Scotland.

Action Point: Invite Scottish Canals to join the FoCF

Action Point: Invite Stuart McMillan to FoCF events

Annabel Goldie MSP Visit – the 2 hours visit at the Titan Crane began with a discussion and presentation about the work of the Forum. It was a general and very positive experience and the Core Group suggested extending the invitation to all relevant local MSP's either in their constituency or at Parliament. They also suggested that we seek opportunities for better engagement with local authorities.

The presentation could be useful as an introduction at the consultation events over the summer.

Action Point: SB to approach local MSP's

Action Point: Core Group members to suggest the best contact at their organisation for the Forum to approach.

6) Core Group Updates

SNH (AK) – Year of Natural Scotland – SNH would be keen to see if there are any ways FoCF could assist. SB to discuss with SNH

Argyll and Bute Council (MS) – Local Development Plan consultation is ongoing and ends 28th April. MPA's will be discussed at the council meeting tomorrow including updates on proposals which are within and just outwith the council boundaries. Members have requested a seminar on MPA's in Lochgilhead by end of April and before the fisheries workshops in May.

SIFT have issued 'guidance' to community groups with regard to aquaculture development. The document has some flaws and lacks stakeholder engagement.

Clydeport (RB) – Commonwealth Games associated recreational boating rally are confirmed an RYAS hope to gather more than 100 boats. Turbines are being installed at Hunterston, 3 large turbines for 5 years on a trial. There will be some local disruption while the installation is done (2 turbines in 2013 and 1 in 2014). Kip jetty is to be sold shortly, bidders are welcome. The chimney at Kip is also to be removed shortly. Loch Striven Jetty is to change management from MOD to DFT. The Queen's

Harbour Master post is to be privatised. Brodic Terminal development has been confirmed and will be done in partnership with Cmal over 2013/14.

Ayrshire Joint Planning (JE) – N and S Ayrshire Local Development Plans are going to committee shortly. Draft National Planning Framework 3 is out after recess for a 12 week consultation.

Scottish Coastal Forum (RF) – Two projects underway – one working with an intern at RYA Scotland on mapping recreational boating facilities and the second on creating GIS data from the sectoral interactions matrices created by the LCPs.

RF is moving to Brussels with effect from 1st of May for 12 months (possible extension to 24 months) to work on Marine Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Management Framework Directive. The Group passed on their thanks to RF for her help and support over the years and wished her the best of luck.

Scottish Salmon (RD) – Developments continue in Loch Striven and Loch Fyne sites. Unlikely to be an increase in biomass but more upgrading of facilities. Have been using Alison Grant's initial Landscape/Seascape assessment as a very useful guide.

Millport Station (PC) – Closure is still set for December 2013. Very sad time for all associated with the Station and the campaign to limit the damage continues both from an academic and a community standpoint. There has been a huge amount of support the Station staff would like to thank the Forum for their help over a very difficult period.

BMF Scotland (CE) – The organisation is adjusting to the loss of Mike Balmforth and have come back rejuvenated to some degree. There is a desire to strengthen the position of BMF in Scotland with a drive for additional membership and influence. An alliance with Sail Scotland may produce some shared staff capacity.

Chair (IG) – ABPmer will be undertaking the appraisal of impacts from the MPA management measures. IG now sits on the Project Advisory Group (PAG) and has been asked to sign a confidentiality agreement. There will be data requests but IG has offered to be the point of contact.

7) AOB - none

Date of Next meeting – SB to canvass for dates in June.

Action Points Summary from this meeting

AP 20/03 1	RF to check timings of Marine Scotland litter strategy	RF
AP 20/03 2	SB to organise Zero Waste information for circulation to Core Group	SB
AP 20/03 3	SB to make amendments to SLR project	SB
AP 20/03 4	Core Group to seek funding and support/data sources on receipt of briefing from SB with regard to Sea Level Rise Project	ALL

AP 20/03 5	<p>Work Plan Action Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include time in the workplan to update the database once a year. • Send invitation for people to sign up to receive the newsletter. • Change title to 'On the Clyde' not In. • Organise with Alison Grant to run a number of workshops • Work with the Sharing Good Practice team at SNH to design the events and advertise them. • Send INNS posters to all Local Coastal Partnerships. 	SB
AP 20/03 6	Invite Scottish Canals to join the FoCF	SB
AP 20/03 7	Approach local MSP's to invite them to attend information events/site visits	SB
AP 20/03 8	Core Group members to suggest the best contact at their organisation for the Forum to approach to help with awareness raising and buy in.	SB