



Firth of Clyde Forum Core Group Meeting
Wednesday 21st April 2010, GCVSDPA office, Glasgow
Agenda

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lead</u>
Lunch	12:30	
1 Welcome and Apologies	13:00	Isabel Glasgow
2 Minutes and Action Points from last meeting	13:05	IG/All
3 Marine Plan - Publishing - Consultation Report - SEA - Appropriate Assessment	13:15	Kirstie Dyson/ Ian Bray/ IG
4 Plan Adoption	14:15	IG / KD
5 Action Plan	14:30	KD / IB
6 Legal Structure	14:45	KD / IB
7 Clyde breakers 2010	15:00	Danielle Casey / KD
8 Information Events & Beach Cleans	15:10	KD
9 Update from Core Group members	15:20	All
10 Any Other Business	15:45	All
11 Future Meeting Dates	15:55	All
Close	16:00	



Minutes of Firth of Clyde Forum Core Group Meeting

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GCVSDPA Office, Glasgow

Present:

Isabel Glasgow (IG), FoCF Chair
 Kirstie Dyson (KD), FoCF Project Manager
 Ian Johnson (IJ), Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan
 Ian Bray (IB), SNH
 Rhona Fairgrieve (RF), Scottish Coastal Forum
 Mike Balmforth (MB), British Marine Federation
 Roger Horne (RH), Clydeport
 Ethel-May Abel (EMA), Glasgow City Council
 Sarah Brown (SB), The Green Blue
 Archie McFarlane (AM), Clyde Fishmen's Association
 John Esslemont (JE), Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan

Apologies:

Danielle Casey (DC), SNH
 Michelle Carroll (MC), Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Structure Plan Joint Committee
 Zoe Clelland (ZC), RSPB
 Mark Steward (MS) Argyll & Bute Council
 David Adams-McGilp (DAM), Visit Scotland
 Ken Clark (KC), HMNB Clyde

ITEM 1: Welcome and Apologies

IG welcomed everyone present and informed the meeting of apologies received. KD was formally welcomed to the core group, and SB was introduced as a new member representing The Green Blue. Congratulations were given to Fiona Mills for the birth of baby boy - Euan. IJ is retiring; thanks were given for his invaluable contributions to the SSMEI project and for all his help over the years. His position on the Core Group is being filled by John Esslemont, he was welcomed to the group.

ITEM 2: Minutes, Action Points from last meeting

2.1 Minutes

Minutes from last meeting 21st Jan 2010 were signed off with no amendments.

2.2 Action Points from last meeting

AP 28/01 1	Set up links email links to other websites and ask members for latest reports on quarterly basis	FM	Ongoing
AP 28/01 2	Amend work plan to clarify time and money spent on project and /or staff	FM	Done
AP 28/01 3	Comments on the Lessons Learned Report by 12 th Feb latest	Core Group	Done
AP 28/01 4	Agenda item for next meeting – Discussion on priorities within Action Plan	FM	Done
AP 28/01 5	Update Terms of Reference for consideration at next meeting. Include MoU with GCVSDPA	FM	Ongoing
AP 28/01 6	Contact BAE Systems for article on Type 45 Destroyers	FM/RH	Done
AP 28/01 7	Invite Sarah Brown, Green Blue Scottish Project Officer, to join the Forum. Details from MB	FM	Done
AP 28/01 8	Letter of support for East Esplanade Protection	FM	Done

	Group – Cotton Buds Campaign		
AP 28/01 9	Contact Ian Hay of the East Grampian Coastal Partnership about information boards at cruise ship docks	FM	Done
AP 28/01 10	Get more information on proposal for barrage in the Clyde from Greenock to Ardmore Point	FM	Done
AP 28/01 11	Income and expenditure plan for 2010/11	FM	Done
AP 22/06 1	Include BAP on next meeting Agenda	FM	Done
AP 22/06 9	Ensure appropriate NGO involvement in fishery impact research	FM/ZC	Ongoing

2.3 Matters Arising

AP 28/01 10 KD briefed on barrage, MB concluded that no future plans had been made. The Group agreed to readdress this issue if any more information was received.

AP 22/06 1 RF informed us that there was a small amount of money (ca £1000) that could be made available through SCF budget for supporting International Year on Biodiversity initiatives for the Coastal Partnerships. It was suggested this money could be use for an invasive species information day.

IB updated on funding from Marine Scotland following a meeting with David Palmer. In conclusion staff and running costs of the FoCF were agreed at £60,000, money left over from the SSMEI (~83K) can be used to implement some of the policies within the Plan. The work plan for 2010/11 has yet to be agreed with David Palmer at Marine Scotland, we are waiting for approval. Thanks were given to David Mallon for all his support with the SSMEI and FoCF over the last year.

ITEM 3: Marine Plan

3.1 Publishing

The Core Group was given the Plan to read before the meeting, corrections were received prior to and during the meeting. In order to get the plan publish in a short amount of time, so progress can be made on the Plan Adoption, KD asked all members to send any correction to her by 22/04. Due to the number of corrections needed to finalise the Plan an agreement was not reached to publish in the meeting. A final copy will be sent electronically to all Core Group members for final approval, each member has 3 days to reply. The agreed Plan will then be sent to the SSMEI Steering Group for approval, they will be given 5 days to make comments. The Plan will then be uploaded onto the FoCF and SSMEI websites. Everyone who received a copy of the Draft Plan and/or contributed at the consultation phase will receive a web link to the final document.

- Send final copy of plan to Core Group and return within 3 days All
- Find recipients list of the Draft Plan KD

3.2 Consultation Report

KD updated on progress - the Consultation Report is written but hard copies of the response answers need to be scan and published alongside the report. The Project Assistant (PA) was assigned to this task but due to the shortage in personnel DC and KD have taken this responsibility. The Consultation Report needs to be published alongside the Plan.

3.3 SEA non technical summary

KD updated on progress - the SEA non technical summary is with the designer, very little has been changed. This document needs to be published alongside the Plan.

3.4 Appropriate Assessment

KD updated on progress – the Appropriate Assessment had been written. KD and IB to go over final report before sending to David Palmer. This also needs to be published alongside the Plan.

ITEM 4: Plan Adoption

IG was asking for ideas on how we best approach the Local Authorities and other Marine User Groups to encourage them to adopt the Plan. Initial resistance from LA's was experienced at the draft stages of the Plan, and IG wanted to present the Plan in the best possible way, acknowledging that this might be different for each group. IJ suggested that LA's be sent a formal letter either from the FoCF or the SSMEI Steering Group saying that the plan was agreed and ready for adoption, IG could then follow this up with visits where needed. IJ suggested sending the Plan to both strategic and local planning authorities and offering it initially as supplementary material to planning (avoiding the word adoption). IG asked all members to consider ways/methods/language that might be used to engage and encourage their members to adopt the policies outlined in the Plan.

- Construct letter to send to Local Authorities KD/IB/IJ
- Think of ways to engage your member to adopt the Plan All

ITEM 5: Action Plan

Action Plans ENV 1, ENV 2 and R&T 1 had previously been agreed as the first projects to be implemented under the Plan. Work had not begun so this was an opportunity to revisit and prioritise the Action Plans. It was agreed that ENV 1 and ENV 2 are high priority and should go ahead. R&T 1 was considered less of a priority with ENV 4 having more benefits to the group due to the high visibility of Marine litter, the ability for community involvement and brings FoCF to people's attention. R&T 1 might be managed by DAM, MB to find out and report back. ENV 3 was also considered and should be included into the work plan if possible.

- Find out possibility of R&T 1 being managed by DAM MB
- Possibilities of re-budgeting/planning to included ENV 3 B/KD

ITEM 6: Legal Structure

KD updated on progress – Fiona wrote two documents; Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding. Following legal advice from SNH the two documents will be merged, KD is following this up.

ITEM 7: Clyde breakers 2010

The planned newsletter will be 12 pages with articles on;

1. Cottonbuds (written)
2. Titan Crane (written)
3. Eider Ducks (agreed)
4. Clyde Inshore Fisheries Group (agreed)
5. Enjoying the Outdoors (agreed)
6. Summary of Scottish Enterprise report on Marine Recreation (agreed)
7. Type 45 Destroyers (agreed)
8. Marine Act Update (agreed)
9. A day in the life of St Mungo (needs chasing)

10. Sustainable Glasgow

- Find contact for the Sustainable Glasgow article EMA

ITEM 8: Information Events & Beach Cleans

There will be 2 Information Events organised in the next year. SB suggested 24hr of a beach copying a similar successful idea carried out at Wembury Beach in Devon. This would include the themes; biodiversity and invasive species, and engage the local community. IB suggested KD follow up on a joint event with Historic Scotland on wrecks.

- Explore the idea of '24hrs of a beach' KD
- Contact Historic Scotland regarding wrecks event KD

ITEM 9: Update from Core Group Members

MB

- The Scottish Report on Sail and Powerboat has been published. 'Sail tourism' by TRC, ECOS, and British Marine Federation. Future work will be finding ways to get data on the whole sector and calculating the worth to Scotland. Report can be found at www.britishmarine.co.uk for executive summary, for the full report enter 'sailing' into the search box.
- Link to Sail tourism added to FoCF website KD

SB

- Green Blue is now responsible for sustainable audits including energy/water efficiency. They are also working with SNH to find and fill the data gaps in the invasive species work. They are doing a lot of awareness rising by going to lots of events around the whole of Scotland. SB will be speaking at the Tay estuary forum and the Solway estuary forum Conference.

EMA

- A management appraisal of the upper limit of the Clyde has been completed by Scottish Enterprise/Clyde port and Glasgow City Council. Clyde waterfront will take forward the proposal for alternative ways of managing the waterfront.
- Glasgow City Council spoke with Historic Scotland regarding the value of developing a strategy to safeguard the future of the 5 Titan Cranes on the Clyde. They were supportive of the principle. The principle of this proposal requires to be discussed with other interests- Clydeport and the 2 urban regeneration companies prior to agreeing a study.
- the Commonwealth Games 2014 has highlighted strategic concerns regarding: quality of the environment between the Commonwealth Village (Cunnigar Loop) and SECC. There is work being programmed to improve areas under- River Clyde Project; and create improved links- along the river and along the banks. Proposals are being brought forward for a river bus service from the City Centre to Clydebank; and the development of Clydefast link (a dedicated bus service) between the two key venue locations.

RH

- A dredging campaign will take place in the Clyde Estuary, downstream of King George V bridge and focus on silting areas. Taking out silt in the upper reaches of the Estuary will reduce siltation downstream and increase O₂ mixing.
- The Tall ships are coming to Greenock 12th July 2011, which will be a big event.

IJ

- Hunterston Coal fired power station subject to Court of Session challenge by RSPB because of lack of consultation in National Planning Framework 2.
- Local Development Plans for North Ayrshire Council - Main Issues report consultation concluded, section on coast. South Ayrshire Council about to issue Main Issues Report.
- 3. Joint Ayrshire Economic Regeneration Group established at senior level to identify priority economic activity (coast and marine is one of four sectors)
- Biosphere being developed for Galloway and Southern Ayrshire including coast from Ayr to Kirkcudbright. Website available www.gallowayandsouthernayrshirebiosphere.org.uk

RF

- The Scottish Coastal Forum (SCF) has a new chair Gordon Mann. There has been a change to the SCF structure, which now has 2 plenary and 2 info events per year.
- The main work input this year will be in Scottish Marine Regions and getting Local Authority involvement. Money for training the local coastal partnerships at the HANDS-ON Marine Spatial Planning is being provided by SCF.

IB

- SNH has a marine survey in the Clyde planned for lochs Fyne, Glip, Long, Goil, Gare and the Kyle of Bute. The habitats and species being targeted are Blue mussel and maerl beds as well as *Arctica islandica* and Sea Pens. Any further developments to the survey will be shared at the next meeting.

ITEM 10: Any Other Business

The next meeting will be held on 4th August 2010, the location is yet to be decided.

ITEM 11: Next meeting

Summary of Action Points

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