



## Firth of Clyde Forum Core Group Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> November 2014

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### Agenda

|   |   | <b>Time</b> | <b>Lead</b>        |
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|   | Lunch/Tea/Coffee  | 12.30       |                    |
| 1 | <b>Welcome and Apologies</b>  | 13:00       | Isabel Glasgow     |
| 2 | <b>Minutes and Action Points from last meeting</b>  | 13.05       | IG                 |
| 3 | <b>Historic Scotland – designations in the Firth of Clyde</b>   | 13:15       | Philip Robertson   |
| 4 | <b>Progress on Marine Planning Partnership</b>  | 14:00       | IG/Fiona Mills     |
| 5 | <b>Project Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Clyde 2020</li><li>- Recreation &amp; Tourism study</li><li>- Sea Level Rise</li><li>- Assessment for Regional Marine Plan</li></ul> | 14:15       | Sarah Brown/<br>FM |
| 6 | <b>Updates from Chair and Core Group Members</b>  | 15:00       | ALL                |
| 7 | <b>AOB</b>  | 15:45       | ALL                |
| 8 | <b>Dates of Meetings 2015</b>   | 15:55       | ALL                |
| 9 | Close   | 16:00       | ALL                |



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### Minutes

**Attending:** Liv Burns, Roger Horne, Philip Robertson, Arthur Keller, Paul Bancks, Isabel Glasgow, Fiona Mills, Sarah Brown, John Esslemont, Graham Russell.

**Apologies:** Mark Steward, Daniel Moncrieff, Michelle Carroll, Carolyn Elder, Patrick Stewart, Wendy Geery, Donald McClaren

- 1) Minutes – JE – under the section on the Local development plan, the word ‘finalised’ should be replaced with ‘adopted’. Minutes agreed with that change.
- 2) Action points

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| 3/7/5/2014  | IG to draft a letter for submission on behalf of the Core Group to Linda Rosborough.<br><b>Update</b> – as discussed progress has been made so letter not needed.   | IG discharged  |
| 1/6/8/2014  | SB to update terms of reference for Clyde 2020 steering group with changes discussed around table.  | SB discharged  |
| 2/6/8/2014  | Core Group members who would like to be included in the Clyde 2020 steering group to let SB know.   | ALL discharged |
| 3/6/8/2014  | Forum to contact SEPA as possible members of Core Group.<br><b>Update</b> – SEPA Chief Exec invited to LCP Holyrood event.  | FM             |
| 4/6/8/2014  | Stakeholders and Local Authorities to consider resources they could make available during RMP development.  | ALL ongoing    |
| 5/6/8/2014  | Forum to ask Scottish Renewables for a representative to join the Core Group.<br><br><b>Update</b> – SR are invited to Holyrood event.  | FM             |

### 3) Historic Scotland presentation – Philip Robertson

#### Presentation

HS role in the marine environment is ever expanding. They have been involved in the National Marine Plan and the Marine Protected Areas process. The role of Historic MPA's is quite a significant change to the way marine heritage is protected. There are 7, relatively small, historic MPAs in force.

HS is about to be merged with RCAHMS to become Historic Environment Scotland. A lot of work has been done to improve the mapping of archaeological sites offshore. Also developing a short course for planners to raise awareness of what factors should be taken into account when planning for the marine environment.

Examples of marine archaeology in the Clyde – 5 marine crannogs in the upper Clyde, of the 11 in the whole of Scotland. Millport Marine Station has also been listed as a Category C building as one of the earliest marine stations in Scotland.

HS working closely to support the work of the SCAPE trust. Some excellent work has been done to improve the photographic record using drone helicopters.

Source to Sea project at RCAHMS – to run 2015-2020 looking at the heritage of the Clyde - Historic Environment Scotland will be progressing this in the future.

Iona I – candidate for being a historic MPA including 90m of seabed around the wreck which will include the debris field – preservation objective is to minimise loss. She is a paddle steamer launched in 1855, played a role in the confederate blockade in 1862 and sank following a collision off fort Mathilda, Gourock. She was partially salvaged in 1950s. Some artefacts have been recovered. She sits just off the Whiteforeland buoy in 20m of water. A lot of survey effort was done in 2008/9. Thanks to Clydeport (now Peel Ports Clydeport) for use of their geophysical data.

Most activities of concern (see slide of sensitivity) are unlikely to threaten the wreck but HS are keen to consult further.

#### Q&A

Q: Is project Adair now on NMPI? A: yes but this shows losses as opposed to actual wrecks. Canmore shows actual wreck records.

Q: Any other historical maritime human landscapes in the Clyde? A: Not confirmed sites, there may be more around Hunterston which is being mapped by a local group and fed through the west of Scotland archaeology service.

Q: Does HS have access to FoCF archaeology data? A: FoCF archaeology report was adopted and has been put into the various records.

### 4) Progress on the Marine Planning Partnership/Governance

A significant meeting has been held with Marine Scotland where progress was made. Some key questions still need to be addressed including how many and what types of consultations will be passed to the Marine Planning Partnership (MPP). The desired structure of the MPP is also still to be defined.

The suggestion has been made by Marine Scotland that Regional Marine Planning would be delegated to individual organisations. In the event that a statutory consultation response put in by the MPP is challenged then the suggestion is that the liability will stop with the Minister. This is to be clarified in writing.

Marine Scotland have agreed to 2.2 FTE for 3 years (currently we are at 1.2 FTE). The additional post will be a Project Coordinator. There is not an expectation that those roles would be exclusively working on the Regional Marine Plan however that would be the main focus. Work would continue on Clyde 2020, the IFG secretariat and finishing other projects e.g. the recreational data project.

SNH are working with Marine Scotland to establish the working implications of this increase in headcount as well as the longer timescale hosting implications. Expectation is that the posts will not be hosted long term by SNH, but potentially for the first 3 years.

GR – Clyde is the first of the more complex MPPs. Knowing what it costs is very important and trying to do it without adequate resources will potentially backfire.

‘Planning Aid Scotland’ organisation is keen to help and FM is to meet with them shortly to investigate opportunities.

JE - A timetable is still needed for LA’s to be able to plan in their support for the MPP and the RMP.

AK – SNH feels that the MPP should be a constituted group who would then be able to recruit the decision-making group. A group of individual organisations would not be appropriate.

PR – HS have taken a risk based approach where they prioritised what consultations they responded to. SNH did similarly including issuing guidance about what they would and would not respond to.

Action – letter to Linda Rosborough – held in abeyance – focus will be on creating our own proposals.

Action – FM to co-ordinate a meeting with Planning in Scotland.

Action – FM to coordinate a meeting to discuss the governance issues. Members of the core group are welcome. FM to circulate dates.

## 5) Project Updates

**Clyde 2020** – Workshops will be run in November. Action Plan will be done by early New Year and a steering group will be formed concurrently.

**Marine Tourism and Recreation Data Collection** – the group discussed the use of volunteers in collecting data including absence as well as presence and coverage for hard to reach places. The group agreed to spend approximately £6k for a volunteer programme to support the data collection work as many of the volunteers are Clyde-based.

Action - SB to send MMM proposal to GR for comment.

Action – SB to work on volunteer proposal including investigating partnerships with TCV/SNH/Volunteer Scotland

**INNS biosecurity training – Clyde** – FOCF have been approached by SEPA to repeat the biosecurity training we have committed to with NRW in Wales. As we do not have the resources to cover this we could charge for the training day or take donations to cover costs and use additional resources to buy in additional staff time. Possibility to approach SEPA for funding under impacts on good ecological status under WFD under RBMP.  
Action - AK and SB to discuss implications of the proposal to run biosecurity training in the Clyde.

**SLR and storm surges report** – final draft slightly overdue. Previous drafts looked good and project is progressing towards closure. Will be delivered within this FY.

**Climate Ready Clyde consultation** – papers circulated prior to the meeting – FM hoping to support with a joint response. SNH keen to ensure that the response encourages joined up thinking between all the different projects and pieces of strategic work within the Clyde e.g. MGSDP, RBMP, Resilient Cities etc  
Action - FM to add text to reflect this into the response.

**Assessment for the Regional Marine Plan** – work has begun on the regional assessment for the RMP with the support of Marine Scotland. Emphasis is on quality data, access and usability. Core group approved the principles and template papers with the knowledge that these are not set in stone. Project to report progress directly to Core Group who are keen to remain engaged with this work. FM to get more involved with this once the SLR work has finished.

## 6) Core Group Update

IG – Recently attended an excellent research day session at Millport including presentation from FM and FoCF on the SLR work. FSC have done commendable work on refurbishing the buildings.

AK/FM – MPA management meetings – 2 days of SW Scotland/Clyde focused meetings led by MS and SNH to discuss management measures for the Clyde. Good feedback from majority of stakeholder groups. SNH have taken a lot of lessons learnt from the terrestrial environment and is applying them to the marine environment.

LB – LLTNP have recently released ‘Your Park’ plans for consultation, mainly driven by issues to do with camping. Wild Park 2020 has been released in August and signed off by ministers. Emphasis on FRMP and RBMPs, plans to be consulted on shortly.

JE – LDP has been adopted. Climate Change project is running across the Biosphere which covers most of SW Scotland.

RH – Integration into the Peel Ports group has been significant, Martin Alyson is a very experienced manager and Ken Clark has taken on the role of Senior Manager Marine Operations (aka ‘Harbour Master’). New computer systems are running. Managing expectations, particularly with customers, is working well, largely due to the skill and professionalism of staff. Loss of hydrology department was a blow, maintenance has been contracted out and finance department has been centralised.

RH has been working with FSC Millport on the microwave link. Some issues but making progress. Essential piece of infrastructure for the island.

GR – Excellent feedback from the commonwealth flotilla.

## 7) AOCB – none

## 8) DONM

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each quarter was agreed. Half day meeting welcomed starting at 1230.

Dates for 2015 are as follows: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

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