



**Firth of Clyde Forum Core Group Meeting
5th September 2012
Atlantic Quay, Glasgow**

PRESENT

Isabel Glasgow (IG) FoCF Chair
 Fiona Mills (FM) FoCF Project Manager
 Sarah Brown (SB) FoCF Project Manager

Ian Bray (IB) SNH
 John Esslemont (JE) Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan
 Michelle Carroll (MC), GCVSDPA
 Rhona Fairgrieve (RF) Scottish Coastal Forum
 Rebecca Dean (RD) Scottish Salmon Company
 Phillip Cowie (PC), UMBSM
 Ethel May Abel (EMA), Glasgow City Council
 Clive Hayward (CH) HMNB Faslane
 Deidre Craddock (DC) Glasgow City Council

APOLOGIES

David Adams-McGillp, Visit Scotland
 Zoe Clelland, RSPB
 Archie McFarlane, Clyde Fishermen's Association
 Mike Balmforth, BMF
 Roger Horne, Clydeport

Paul Bancks, The Crown Estate
 David Lightfoot, HMNB Clyde

Mark Steward, Argyll & Bute Council

Charley Rattan, SSE
 Roger Horne, Clyde Port

ITEM 1 – Welcome and apologies

IG welcomed everyone to Atlantic Quay and thanked Rhona Fairgrieve for hosting. Apologies were listed. It was noted that Jim Aitkinson, UMBSM, has retired and that Dr Cowie will now be the sole representative of UMBSM on the Core Group.

ITEM 2 – Minutes and action points from last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on 8th May 2012 were approved.

AP 08/05 1	Send DC link to proposed Sanda Sound tidal development.	FM - Done
AP 08/05 2	Provide information on how the assessment of the 3 rd party search location proposal off Arran has been made.	DC – Done – FM to circulate
AP 08/05 3	ZC to send FM the LUC work from the Firth of Forth.	ZC - Done
AP 08/05 4	FM and Landscape/Seascape steering group to consider best way to communicate work on to LAs and other potential users once completed.	FM - Done
AP 08/05 5	Access Clyde Moorings data for recreation project.	SB - Done
AP 08/05 6	contact Sustrans.	SB - Ongoing
AP 08/05 7	Work with RB to use Clydeports' leisure users guide.	SB - Ongoing
Carried Forward		
AP 07/02 2	consult Marine Scotland on timeline and thoughts on engagement of communities in marine planning.	RF/SB - Ongoing

AP 07/02 8	send information to FM on the study done by UMBSM in the late 80s on fishing intensity.	PC – has been superseded
AP 07/02 9	include Scotmap as agenda item on next LCP officers meeting (Pam Taylor could also come to talk about project to Core Group).	RF - Done
AP 07/02 11	contact FM with regards to support from the FoCF on strandline signage.	PC - Done

ITEM 3 – Marine Planning Partnership, Structure and Governance Paper

The paper was thoroughly discussed and the majority of the recommendations were agreed upon however, as anticipated, the formation of the Delegate required further scrutiny. The meeting agreed a suggested process which is reflected in the amended paper (see attached) which will be submitted to Marine Scotland.

- FM to amend paper with all comments agreed on at meeting
- IG to liaise with Marine Scotland

ITEM 4 – Natural Talent Proposal

The proposal was discussed and the core group agreed that it would be advantageous to pursue this opportunity with The Trust for Conservation Volunteers. The core group asked if other risk assessments such as those done for climate change, could be worked into the project. Agreed.

It was emphasised that the job description should be realistic and achievable.

- SB to liaise with TCV and update the job specification to reflect comments.

ITEM 5 – Project Updates

Marine Litter

National Strategy is out for consultation shortly and it is difficult to progress much further without the national strategy being agreed however the Forum will be hosting a meeting on the 16th October for local authorities to develop 'shoreline cleaning guidelines'.

- FM to circulate meeting programme

Landscape Seascape Assessment

Thanks were expressed to UMBSM for providing use of their boat for a site visit by the project group in July. Project is breaking new ground but progressing well. Targeted to finish in October 2012. the full report will then be published including GIS outputs.

Comments are very welcome on the drafts to date.

Biosecurity

Project is progressing well.

Send out the identification guide to all members of the core group. Bid for additional funds from the SNH grants system.

The next stages of the project were agreed.

- SB to send out ID guides
- SB to submit bid for funds for further identification workshops from SNH

Recreational Access

Project is progressing well. Core group emphasised the need to co-ordinate with access officers in the local councils.

- SB to contact access officers once the data collection work is complete to assess how the final product could be used.
- SB to offer to present the data to the local access forums with the volunteer (Laurin McDowell).

Community Mapping

Project is progressing well. SB asked for the core group to alert her to any community lead initiatives they were aware of in the Clyde.

ITEM 6 – Clydebreakers Winter Articles

- FM asked for article ideas for the next edition
- EMA offered to do a piece on the naming of quays and wharfs
- CH agreed to do a piece on the Joint Warrior exercise
- PC agreed to do a small article on the sunfish sighting
- RD agree to do a piece on novel methods in aquaculture
- Copy Deadline is 15th Oct

ITEM 7 – Update from Core Group members

RF – Next Scottish Coastal Forum Plenary is on 5th Oct at Stirling University Management Unit. There will be updates on the Marine Scotland offshore renewables events and details on the Scottish marine regions, statutory instruments and boundaries. There will be workshops on the relationship between terrestrial and marine planning and on how the new marine region boundaries interact with existing boundaries. Please attend if possible.

National Marine Plan is progressing and will go to Cabinet and then Westminster prior to a 12 week consultation.

IB – Marine Protected Area assessments are progressing. Marine Scotland will consider the proposals before sending on to the Minister for agreement. There are 3 MPAs under consideration in the Clyde.

The Basking Shark Tagging project is well underway. The public can follow the tagged sharks live online at <http://www.snh.gov.uk/about-scotlands-nature/species/fish/sea-fish/shark-tagging-project/>

PC – Millport is busy as usual with lots of students coming through looking at research into plastics and fisheries in particular. Latest PhD research shows a worrying amount of plastics in the strandline.

RD – The Scottish Salmon Company are continuing their expansion programme but have moved away from the Arran site and are now looking more at Loch Striven. Will continue to look for sites which complement the Loch Fyne ICZM plan. They have a need for a new processing site and are considering sites in Cairndow and near Toward.

JE – JPU is working with a landscape consultant on more onshore windfarms. South Ayrshire Council have just launched their local plan. The Richard Lochhead MSP launched the new UNESCO biosphere in S Ayrshire in August, the first in Scotland.

EMA/DC – Local plan work is ongoing. The ferry service to Govan has come to an end however the summer service is going to continue to do pick up and set down at Govan and Braehead. There has been huge variability in demand for the service throughout the year which brings up the suggestion of a need for a bridge once again. The City still needs a service for the Commonwealth Games, any service will need to be subsidised.

MC – The Strategic Development Plan was approved in May. A new Assistant Manager has been appointed (Dorothy McDonald) who is now looking at new ways of working including the implementation of SDP2. New projects will include onshore renewables. Environment Forum is being hosted on the 11th of Sept and the Project Manager was invited to attend.

CH – Just returned to Faslane after working on the security at the Olympics, well able to advise in the run up to the Commonwealth Games but will be leaving the MOD just prior to the Games. HMS Ambush is returning to the Clyde mid Sept and the Joint Warrior exercise will commence in 25th Sept.

IG – Heavily involved with the Marine Strategy Framework Directive. Most other items have been covered in the body of the meeting.

ITEM 8 – Any Other Business

The meeting conveyed their best wishes to Fiona for her maternity leave and congratulated Sarah on becoming an Aunt.

ITEM 9 – Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting was agreed to be held on **Wednesday 5th December** (please note the change of date). MC offered use of their meeting room at the GCVSDPA offices (gratefully accepted). A presentation from Alison regarding the landscape/seascape work to be put on the agenda and the marine non-native species meeting to be held in the afternoon.

Action Points Summary

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