



Firth of Clyde Forum Core Group Meeting
Wednesday 5th October 2011,
Conference Room 2, 229 George St, Glasgow
Agenda

		<u>Time</u>	<u>Lead</u>
	Tea and coffee	9:45	
1	Welcome and Apologies	10:00	Isabel Glasgow
2	Minutes and Action Points from last meeting	10:05	IG
3	Seascape Landscape Assessment ENV 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Update on funding ➤ Progress made to date 	10:15	IG / Kirstie Dyson
4	Bio-security Plan – ENV5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conference summary ➤ Progress update 	10:30	Fiona Mills
5	Marine Litter Strategy ENV 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Progress update ➤ Ideas for Step 2 	10:45	KD
6	Clyde Inshore Fisheries Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Update from Alex Watson Crook, IFG co-ordinator. 	11:00	Alex Waton Crook
7	Marine Planning Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Update on the Dundas & Wilson Report 	11:15	Rhona Fairgrieve
8	Update from Core Group members	11:45	ALL
9	Any Other Business	12:15	ALL
10	Future Meeting Dates	12:20	ALL
	Close and lunch	12:30	

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PRESENT

Isabel Glasgow (IG) FoCF Chair
 Kirstie Dyson (KD) FoCF Project Manager
 Fiona Mills (FM) FoCF Project Manager
 Ian Bray (IB) SNH
 Mike Balmforth (MB) BMF
 Roger Horne (RH) Clydeport
 John Esslemont (JE) Ayrshire Joint
 Structure Plan
 Paul Bancks (PB) The Crown Estate
 Rhona Fairgrieve (RF) Scottish Coastal
 Forum
 Rebecca Dean (RD) Scottish Salmon
 Company
 Louise Vickers (LV) Scottish Enterprise
 Deirdre Craddock (DC) GCC
 Mark Steward (MS) Argyll & Bute Council
 by Video Conference

APOLOGIES

Phillip Cowie, UMBSM
 Wendy Geary, Marine Scotland
 David Adams-McGilp, Visit Scotland
 Charley Rattan, SSE
 Danielle Casey, SNH
 Sarah Brown, The Green Blue
 Archie McFarlane, Clyde Fishermen's
 Association

ITEM 1 – Welcome and apologies

IG expressed thanks to Glasgow City Council for once again allowing us to use their facilities for our meeting. Apologies noted above.

ITEM 2 – Minutes and action points from last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on 11th May were approved.

AP 11/05 1	Confirm process to apply for the SCF kitty	RF	Done. SCF will be able to give £1k to L/S Assessment.
AP 11/05 2	Send funding request letters to RYA, BMF and Visit Scotland – Seascape/Landscape Assessment	KD	Done
AP 11/05 3	Arrange next Biosecurity meeting and progress project	FM	Done
AP 11/05 4	Feedback on how best to engage with Marine Scotland on Marine Litter Strategy project	RF	See ITEM 5
AP 11/05 5	Confirm to NW contacts from Ayrshire Councils that provided litter information	KD	Done
AP 11/05 6	Send KD text on micro plastics for inclusion in the Marine Litter status quo report	PC	Done
AP 11/05 7	Send information to DL for A Day in the Life – Clyde Breakers	FM	Done
AP 11/05 8	Send suggested Clyde Breaker articles to FM by 8 th June	ALL	Done

ITEM 3 – Seascape Landscape Assessment

Specification of Requirements needs to be completed, however, the expert from within SNH has been busy and unable to do this to date. Various information sources were discussed along with the option of forming a sub-group to help write the brief. The project group will consist of Scottish Coastal Forum, Local Authorities including landscape experts as appropriate and SNH. Project finances and timeline need to be confirmed.

- KD to contact Ness Smith of the Dorset C-Scope project to obtain a copy of their S/L Assessment and Brief.

- MS to send tender document from Argyll & Bute Council.
- KD to confirm project finances and timeline

ITEM 4 – Biosecurity Plan

The first part of the plan has been approved by the project group. The Invasives Species Meeting has been held at Largs Sailing Club and was a great success with output to inform the last part of the plan.

- FM to circulate for approval by the project group and then put out to consultation.

Target completion date is mid January.

ITEM 5 – Marine Litter Strategy

The Marine Scotland national litter project is at the end of stage 1 where a report has been produced.

- KD to contact Andrew Kent in David Mallon's team to establish how best to link FoCF Marine Strategy with National Marine Strategy.

In the mean time it was agreed that the FoCF could produce a simplified information sheet for community groups to complete when beach cleaning to give the minimum amount of information necessary for recording purposes.

- KD to action.

ITEM 6 – Clyde Inshore Fisheries Group

Alex Watson-Crook from the Clyde IFG was unable to attend the meeting. Following a meeting with Alex, there have been 3 areas of co-operation identified between the FoCF and the IFG to take forward; Mapping areas of interest to fisheries, Harbour and transport (infrastructure) development and Impacts of fishing on the (benthic) marine environment. It was agreed that FoCF should issue an official invitation to Alex Watson-Crook to join the Core Group.

- FM to action letter of invitation

ITEM 7 – Marine Planning Partnerships

RF gave an update on the report commissioned by the SCF on recommended structure and functions of a MPP. This has been presented to Marine Scotland, who are under no obligation to act on its recommendations. A decision on boundaries is due to be made by Marine Scotland in December with secondary legislation in place during the first quarter of 2012. Following this it is proposed that 2 MPPs will be set up (potentially Shetland and the Clyde areas) during 2012-2013. DC requested that Local Authorities be consulted by Marine Scotland on structure and functions of MPPs to ensure no conflict of interest and that the LAs can continue to deliver their statutory obligations.

ITEM 8 – Update from Core Group members

RH

- The recent visit by Queen Mary II into Greenock at the end of September created much interest.
- The cruise Glasgow website receives many hits from visitors looking for things to do in the West of Scotland. The website currently does not have anything on local wildlife, would you like to add a link to the site (www.cruiseglasgow.com)?
 - All to look at website and contact RH if web link to their conservation area is needed.

MS

- The Argyll & Bute Draft Strategy Plan will be out for consultation by the end of December.
- A&B are involved with the Axis 4 funding in partnership with S. Ayrshire to manage funds.

- Two marine licence applications have been put forward on Mull for seaweed farms; these are currently not under council planning consent but fall to Marine Scotland licence. This is causing confusion to stakeholders and local councils because it is a different process to gaining consent for Aquaculture.

LV

- Louise gave a brief introduction to her work – SE undertook research into Sailing Tourism in Scotland in 2009 which identified that the greatest opportunity for sailing tourism development is on the west coast of Scotland. To help businesses to maximise this opportunity SE will be delivering 6 Sailing Tourism Innovation events on the west coast of Scotland. These events will be held in Ayr, Stranraer, Appin (in partnership with HIE), Helensburgh, Inverclyde and Largs. The aim of the events is to encourage business collaboration and product / service development.
- Scottish Enterprise is a partner in the Sail West project.
- Tourism Intelligence Scotland (an initiative supported by Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and VisitScotland is producing a Sailing guide to help businesses to identify opportunities to grow sailing tourism in Scotland.

IB

- The Marine Protected Area (MPA) survey project that took place in the Clyde this summer (2011) is not progressing as quickly as anticipated due to unforeseen circumstances with the contractors.
- SNH are undertaking a project to examine how best to safeguard Priority Marine Features within 2 marine regions.

RD

- The Scottish Salmon company are expanding some of their aquaculture developments (modification and new sites), in shellfish, finfish and seaweed. Expansion due to take place in Loch Fyne and Loch Striven.

RF

- A SCF plenary meeting is planned for end of week to look at the Dundas & Wilson report, it is a meeting of chairs so IG to report back next Core Group meeting.
- SCF conference is taking place on 8th Nov 2011, details are on the website.

JE

- Local Development Plan for South Ayrshire is due out at the end of December.
- The court case for Hunderston is also out.

PB

- An Anniversary lunch at the Clydeport building on Robertson Street has been planned for the Clyde Mooring Committee.

MB

- The Green Blue position in Scotland held by Sarah Brown is due to be cut. There is a meeting organised to see if this position can be saved and potentially project-based if funding can be found in Scotland.

ITEM 9 – Any Other Business

MB found that within the boating fraternity the FoCF is still perceived to be an environmental organisation; this is something that needs to be addressed in the future.

Ideas for Clydebreakers were requested for the winter addition. Paul Bancks suggested an article on the anniversary of the Clyde Mooring Committee.

- All to email any further ideas

ITEM 10 – Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on 7th February 2012. The following meeting will be on 8th May 2012.

Action Points Summary

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AP 05/11 5	Contact Andrew Kent in David Mallon's team to establish how best to link FoCF Marine Strategy with National Marine Strategy.	KD
AP 05/11 6	Simplified information sheet for beach cleaning.	KD
AP 05/11 7	Issue letter of invitation to join Core Group to Alex Watson-Crook (Clyde IFG)	FM
AP 05/11 8	Look at Clydeport website www.cruiseglasgow.com and contact RH if web link to wildlife/conservation web pages is needed.	ALL
AP 05/11 9	Email clyde@clydeforum.org with any ideas for the next Clyde Breakers	ALL