



Firth of Clyde Forum Core Group Meeting

6th August 2014

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Agenda

		Time	Lead
	Tea/Coffee	10.30	
1	Welcome and Apologies	11:00	Isabel Glasgow
2	SIFT – Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust, Campaign overview and discussion	11.05	Charles Millar and Ruth Hoban
3	Minutes and Action Points from last meeting	11:35	IG
4	Clyde 2020	11:45	Sarah Brown
5	MPP Governance and Regional Marine Plan timetable	12:15	Fiona Mills
	Lunch	13:00	
5	Project Updates	13:30	FM/SB
6	Updates from Core Group Members and Chair	13:45	ALL
7	AOB	14:15	ALL
8	Date of Next Meeting	14:30	ALL
9	Close	14:35	ALL



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PRESENT

Isabel Glasgow (IG), FoCF Chair
Sarah Brown (SB), FoCF Project Manager
Fiona Mills (FM), FoCF Project Manager
June Topping (JT), FoCF (Minute Taker)
John Esslemont (JE), South Ayrshire Council
Michelle Carroll (MC), GCVSDPA
Paul Bancks (PB), The Crown Estate
Arthur Keller (AK), SNH
Dan Moncrieff (DM) FSC
Phil Cowie (PC) FSC
Charles Millar SIFT (for presentation only)
Ruth Hoban SIFT (for presentation only)

APOLOGIES

Toby Wilson (TW), RSPB
Rebecca Dean (RD), Scottish Salmon
Donald McLaren (DMcL), RYAS
Roger Horne (RH), Peel Port/Clyde Port
Mark Steward (MS) Argyll & Bute Council
Wendy Geary, Marine Scotland

- 1) **Welcome** to all. Thanks to GCVSDPA for the use of the meeting room again. Due to a member needing to leave at lunch items 4 and 6 will be swapped.
- 2) **SIFT Presentation** – Copy of presentation provided with these minutes

SIFT answers from Q & A session

- SIFT are concerned that the 1.6% protection offered by the MPA network in the Firth of Clyde is not enough.
- Regulating Order would create better balance of fishing activity.
- Physical area that spatial Regulating Order would cover is not yet available.
- The Regulating Order would cover all vessels including those from outside the Clyde.
- The Regulating Order is a national decision taken by Ministers.
- The Order could help with mobile/static conflicts.
- The Clyde Fishery Management Organisation would hopefully be formulated before the RO – a list of proposed members is not yet available.
- Local Authority support is desirable and a representative would be welcome in the Management Organisation.
- More progress is required to get support from the fishermen's associations.
- There has been less conflict between parties in Shetland since RO introduced and signs of stock improvement.
- No data is available of the Shetland ecosystem to measure success in terms of ecosystem recovery.

SIFT were thanked for their presentation and left the meeting at this point.

After the presentation the group discussed the following:

- Potentially it will create more bureaucracy.
- Could create conflicts with fishermen.
- Who will police it? Who will resource it?
- It is unknown if a Regional Marine Plan would be able to regulate the fisheries in any way (how does this link to any RO?).
- Scientific information would be welcome and SIFT has good access to funding.
- Could link in with Clyde 2020.

- 3) **Minutes of the previous meeting** were agreed and there were no matters arising. Action points of last meeting reviewed

A/P 05/01/11/2013- IG to contact relevant councils once the regional boundaries have been agreed. – Ongoing – waiting until Local Authorities have received guidance from Marine Scotland before contacting them. IG will follow up with Marine Scotland.

A/P 3/7/5/2014 – IG to draft letter for submission on behalf of the Forum to Linda Rosborough. – On hold – Waiting to see what progress is made at next meeting with Marine Scotland in terms of funding for additional resource that has been requested.

6) **Update from Core Group Members**

CE, British Marine Federation:

- Have new executive officer (Aileen Monk) who is launching major drive to rally the industry and gain new members in Scotland.
- Scottish Boat Show will be at Kip Marina in October.
- BMF AGM will be on Friday 10th October at 5.15pm to tie in with the Boat Show.

DM, FSC Millport :

- Regeneration of the Marine Centre is well underway and should be completed by 2015. Significant improvements to the building have been done in phase 1 and 2 including a new accommodation block. Phase 3 funding nearly in place and this will go towards refurbishing and extending the Robertson Museum and Aquarium.
- The Waverley recently came into the FSC owned Keppel Pier due to the old Millport Pier being too badly damaged to continue being used. This could be an ongoing arrangement if necessary.

MC, GCVSDPA :

- Climate change adaptation strategy consultation work completed in May. FoCF took part in the workshop on coastal adaptation.

AK, SNH :

- 30 Scottish Marine Protected Areas were announced by Scottish Government and came into force at the start of August.

JE, South Ayrshire Council :

- Local Development Plan moving to conclusion and should be adopted in September.

PB, The Crown Estate:

- As part of the Marine Tourism Strategy development hard assets in Scotland have been looked at and a desk based survey of marine leisure sites is being carried out.

IG, FoCF

- Isabel attended a Celtic Seas Partnership (CSP) workshop in Inverness. The Celtic Seas Partnership is funded through LIFE. The workshop's main aims were to achieve agreement on the priorities for the measures needed to achieve Good Environmental Status (GES) under the Marine Strategy Forum Directive (MSFD) and to build trust between the stakeholders. Subsequent discussions about mediation between conflicting stakeholders led to a meeting between FoCF, MS lead on Clyde 2020. David Mallon and CSP's mediator to discuss a potential project across the Clyde. However it was concluded that mediation may be required more in other areas such as gear conflict and the No Discards Ban.

4) SB - Clyde 2020 Summit

Marine Scotland have officially asked FoCF to take on the creation of the Clyde 2020 action plan and development of a steering group. A shortlist of objectives has been compiled and a series of workshops will take place from which an action plan will be agreed.

The Clyde 2020 project outputs will feed into the ecosystem workstream of the Clyde Regional Marine Plan.

External facilitators for workshops were discussed and the decision was taken to appoint a facilitator who was outside the known fisheries/ecosystem network.

Terms of reference for Clyde 2020 Steering Group were circulated for review and several amendments suggested. Volunteers for the steering group were requested. SNH expressed a desire to be on the group. AK to suggest appropriate person. Other members stated that without knowing what was in the action plan, it was difficult for them to commit resource at this stage.

A/P 1/6/8/2014 – SB to update terms of reference with changes discussed around table.

A/P 2/6/8/2014 – Core Group members who would like to be included in the Clyde 2020 steering group to let SB know.

5) FM - Governance and Regional Marine Plan

Still no feedback from MS on the legalities of delegating to a constituted FoCF. Anna Donald will be at the Local Coastal Partnership meeting to be held week commencing 11th August and IG/FM will request feedback on governance, the paper for Local Authorities on marine planning, and the requested additional resource.

Regional Marine Plan (RMP) – FM has developed a draft project timetable showing workstreams and discreet projects with supporting partners (provided with these minutes). FM requested that Core Group consider any work they will be undertaking that can feed into the RMP or to consider resources that could be available to help support workstreams/projects.

A/P 3/6/8/2014 – Forum to contact SEPA as possible members of Forum/Marine Planning Partnership. Their knowledge would be welcome for the Regional Marine Plan.

A/P 4/6/8/2014 – Stakeholders and Local Authorities to suggest resources they could make available.

Project Updates

FM Sea Level Rise and Storm Surges

As per paper provided. Proposed change from medium to high emission scenario and extension of the Erskine Area to include Newshot Island at a cost of £2k and £3k respectively.

SB Marine Recreation and Tourism Data Collection

Contract still not let as contractor's lawyers have outstanding concerns with the SG Terms & Conditions. Discussions are ongoing.

Once the contract has been let the priority will be Pentland Firth/Orkney Waters where detail about activity will be gathered, desk study will run concurrently and the rest of Scotland will be included in Phase 2.

7) AOB

Clydebreakers – Upcoming edition will focus on Clyde-relevant scientific research. Renewables representative (Charlie Rattan) on the forum has left. Scottish Renewables Chief Executive should be invited as replacement. Both Isabel and Fiona will be taking part in the International Marine Conservation Congress (IMCC) running from 14 – 18 August in Glasgow. The ‘Best-Practice Guidelines for Marine Biosecurity Planning in Scotland’ has been well received and used by the RYA Scotland for the Commonwealth Flotilla. SB speaking about it at MASTS annual conference and working with SAMS to deliver training on its use in early October.

A/P 5/6/8/2014 – Forum to ask Scottish Renewables for a representative to join Core Group.

8) Date of Next Meeting : 5 November 2014 – Time TBC and Venue - GCVSDPA

Summary of Action Points

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