



## Firth of Clyde Forum Core Group Meeting

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

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### Agenda

		<b>Time</b>	<b>Lead</b>
	Tea/Coffee	10.30	
1	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	11:00	Isabel Glasgow
2	<b>Minutes and Action Points from last meeting</b>	11:10	IG
3	<b>Clyde 2020</b>	11:20	IG /Sarah Brown
4	<b>Governance and Regional Marine Plan timetable</b>	12:00	IG/Fiona Mills
	<b>Lunch</b>	12:30	
5	<b>Project Updates</b>	13:00	FM/SB
6	<b>EU Directive Coastal Zone Management &amp; Scottish Coastal Forum Update</b>	13:40	IG
7	<b>Updates from Core Group Members</b>	14:00	ALL
8	<b>AOB</b>	14:30	ALL
9	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	14:50	ALL
	Close	15:00	



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7 May 2014  
GCVSDPA, Glasgow**

**PRESENT**

Isabel Glasgow (IG), FoCF Chair  
Sarah Brown (SB), FoCF Project Manager  
Fiona Mills (FM), FoCF Project Manager  
June Topping (JT), FoCF Minute Taker  
Toby Wilson (TB), RSPB  
John Esslemont (JE), South Ayrshire Council  
Michelle Carroll (MC), GCVSDPA  
Mark Steward (MS) Argyll & Bute Council  
Paul Bancks (PB), The Crown Estate  
Roger Horne (RH), Peel Port/Clyde Port  
Liv Burns (LB), LLTNP  
Arthur Keller (AK), SNH

**APOLOGIES**

David Adams-McGilp (DAM), Visit Scotland  
Rebecca Dean (RD), Scottish Salmon  
Eamonn Campbell (AC), GCC  
Carolyn Elder (CE), BMFS  
Charley Rattan (CR), SSE  
Archie McFarlane (AMcF), Clyde Fishermen's Association  
Donald McLaren (DMcL), RYAS  
Ron Bailey (RB), Peel Ports  
Wendy Geary (WG), Marine Scotland  
Rhona Fairgrieve (RF), Scottish Coastal Forum

- 1) **Welcome** to all. Thanks to GCVSDPA for the use of the meeting room again.
- 2) **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** - Marine Scotland are preparing a general communication to Local Authorities on marine planning and once that has been issued, meetings will be set up with Local Authorities.

**Action points arising from review**

**A/P 1/7/5/2014 – AK to check whether it is possible to circulate the SNH response to the Clyde Fishermen's Association questions regarding data for the MPA proposal at Arran.**

- 3) **Clyde 2020 Summit**

IG led a vote of thanks to Sarah, Danielle, Laurin and June for their professional organisation and running of the event. Feedback from attendees has been positive. The Cabinet Secretary is to issue a letter of thanks to everyone who attended. SB is writing up the notes from the meeting which will be circulated to all participants. Once this is done FoCF role to date will end, however discussions are on-going about delivery of the wider Clyde 2020 project.

Following on from the summit SB attended a MASTS meeting focused on research relevant to the Firth of Clyde. This had circa 10 presentations about university-led research already going on in the Clyde. There were discussions at the meeting about how best to collate all the data being collected. NERC could be a possible funding source for an overview role to determine project viability and overlaps.

FoCF plan to participate in The International Marine Conservation Congress which will run from 14 – 17 August.

## **7) Update from Core Group Members**

As two of the Core Group members had to leave around lunchtime, it was agreed to have the members' update at this point in the meeting.

### **RH, Peel Ports Clydeport :**

- It is with regret that Ron Bailey will be retiring from Clydeport. Overarching structural changes are happening within the Peel Ports group and many Greenock operations are being centralised to Liverpool. A vote of thanks was unanimously agreed for all of Ron's input to the Forum over the years.
- Cruise timetable has been received and a busy year is anticipated.
- High speed broadband has been facilitated for the Field Studies Council, Millport which should make communications better.

### **MS, Argyll & Bute Council :**

- A Summit is being held Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May to discuss population decline in the region.
- The Council will be involved in a new SAMS project focused on Marine Spatial Planning in the area. More details will be confirmed when available.
- Two onshore salmon farms are planned at Tayinloan and Macrihanish. The company concerned are aiming to have salmon at market size in 8 months, a significant reduction on the time it takes in open water cages.
- A report has been published on the contribution that fisheries and associated industry make to the economies of Mull & Iona.

### **PB, The Crown Estate :**

- James Stewart of RYAS is organising a Scottish Marine Tourism Strategy Workshop in June focusing on Scotland Wide Issues. Sail Scotland's Daniel Steel will be participating. The aim is to make Scotland the No 1 marine tourism destination.

### **AK, SNH :**

- Marine Protected Areas - SNH are awaiting approval from Ministers on Conservation MPA proposals.
- Green Infrastructure Bid submitted to SG.

### **JE, South Ayrshire Council :**

- New Ayrshire & Arran tourism website for promoting water sports. [www.watersportscoast.com](http://www.watersportscoast.com)
- South Ayrshire Local Development Plan approved.

### **TW, RSPB :**

- Garnock Valley Futurescape has got a new wildlife viewing station. Habitat creation works are on-going.
- Photographs were shown as evidence of what appears to be a large crab bait operation going on in the Inner Clyde SPA. Collection of these crabs is causing disturbance to the birds. Inverclyde Council and the police have been contacted. SNH to give advice but taking tyres out will be difficult.
- Request for sites to install artificial nests for Black Guillemots.

### **OB, LLTNP :**

- Currently focusing on the Flood Risk MP and have now received the Data Transfer Notice from SEPA that will allow access to flood data. This has been issued under a commercial licence and negates the need for security clearance.

#### **MC, GCVSDPA :**

- SDP – the key facts & figures report has been completed. There have been 68,000 jobs lost in the area and the population is moving in a general easterly direction.
- Common Environmental Perspective Paper has been issued to seek views on the proposed approach to the potential environmental issues for SDP 2 and related background reports. Climate change could be more prominent in the next iteration of the SDP.

#### **IG, FoCF/SCF Chair :**

- A £4.8 million investment has helped the Field Studies Council (FSC) create an action plan for renovation at Millport Field Station.
- Attended a Tay Estuary Forum conference in Dundee entitled 'Creative Coasts' which was very interesting.

### **4) Governance and Regional Marine Plan**

IG and FM attended a meeting with David Palmer and Anna Donald of Marine Scotland to discuss the implications of FoCF becoming a Marine Planning Partnership.

Concerns were raised within the group about funding and how best to take the project forward. Because the approach is new, it was felt that resources should be made available to ensure that development of the first statutory plan for Firth of Clyde is a success. Concerns were also raised around governance – a robust constitution should be in place to avoid challenge.

Mark Steward suggested that it might be useful to have a look at the Defra Coastal Concordat.

FM presented a draft timetable for preparation of a Regional Marine Plan over a 2½ year period. Start date to be given by Marine Scotland.

Group discussion followed whereby suggestions were to:

- Submit timetable and resource plan to MS with a covering letter from FoCF
- Show national value of plan and stress that resources should be granted to prepare a statutory document.
- Show the extent of in-kind contribution that will be given by partners.

**A/P 2/7/5/2014 – MS to circulate concordat document.**

**A/P 3/7/5/2014 – IG to draft letter for submission on behalf of the Forum to Linda Rosborough.**

**A/P 4/7/5/2014 – FM to liaise with JE on resource proposals.**

### **5) Project Updates**

As per meeting papers provided.

#### **Marine Non Native Species Biosecurity Planning Contract**

Next stage will be to promote published report and guidance.

#### **Marine Recreation and Tourism Data Collection**

Five Tenders received are now being assessed by the team at MS and FoCF.

### **Sea Level Rise and Storm Surges**

Depending on level of data this could be important information for Local Development Plans. A workshop session is being run on the case study section of the report as part of the GCVSDPA climate change adaptation workshop.

### **Seascape Community Project – ‘Views from the Ferry’**

After discussion it was decided to keep this project on hold until further resources become available.

**A/P 5/7/5/2014 – FM to inform Krysia Campbell in SNH of the decision on the Seascape Community Project.**

## **6) EU Directive Coastal Zone Management & Scottish Coastal Forum Update.**

Rhona Fairgrieve will be on secondment until at least April 2015. She will be working in Brussels on the Directive on Marine Spatial Planning to help incorporate aspects of Coastal Management into the directive.

IG has requested some admin support from Marine Scotland in order for the SCF to remain pro-active.

## **8) AOCB**

Clydebreakers – the theme for the next edition will be research. Please submit any ideas to FM/SB.

FSC Millport has requested to become a member of the Core Group. It was agreed that a formal letter should invite them to nominate a representative to become a Core Group Member.

**A/P 6/7/5/2014 – IG to send formal letter of invitation to FSC.**

The Forum is involved in a workshop at the end of May entitled ‘National Ecosystem Assessment - Public Dialogue’ - Members of the public will consider how the ecosystem approach is currently being implemented in policy making.

IG will be attending the Celtic Seas Project conference in Aberdeen shortly.

PB has put the Forum’s name forward as a potential model of partnership working to the Hebridean Harbours Group.

**A/P 7/7/5/2014 – SB to contact Jane Maciver to share information about how the Forum works.**

## **9) Date of Next Meeting : 6 August 2014 – Time and Venue TBC**

### **Summary of Action Points**

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