



## Minutes of the CMPP Members' Meeting 10 October 2017

**Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Office, Balloch, Glasgow. 10.45- 13.45**

**Chair: Isabel Glasgow (IG)**

**Present: Voting Members**

Alastair McNeill (AMcN), WCRIFG  
 Arthur Keller (AK), SNH  
 David Adams-McGilp (DAM), VisitScotland  
 Elaine Whyte (EW), CFA  
 Graham Russell (GR), RYAS  
 James Miller (JM), North Ayrshire Council  
 John Esslemont (JE), South Ayrshire Council  
 Lisa Reilly (LR), Peel Ports Clydeport  
 Mark Steward (MS) Argyll and Bute Council  
 Paul Chandler (PC), COAST (left after item 6)  
 Rebecca Dean (RD), Scottish Salmon Company  
 Stuart Tait (ST), Clydeplan  
 Toby Wilson, (TW), RSPB

David Kinniburgh (DK), Board Member  
 David Pratt (DP), Marine Scotland  
 Howard Wood, Board Member (left after item 6)  
 Fiona Mills (FM), CMPP  
 Sarah Brown (SB), CMPP  
 Sinead Sheridan (SS), CMPP

**Apologies**

Calum Duncan, Scot Environment LINK  
 Derek Manson, LLTNP  
 Paul Bancks, Crown Estate  
 Peter Henderson (Board Member)  
 Rhona Fairgrieve, Scottish Coastal Forum  
 Rob Lucas, FSC  
 Simon Limb, British Marine Scotland  
 Willie Kennedy, SSACN

**Present: Others**

Brian Forrest (BF), Board Member

**1. Welcome and apologies**

IG welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced apologies from those unable to attend. Attendees then introduced themselves.

**2. Review of action points from the last meeting**

A summary of the status of action points from the last meeting is listed below:

Reference	Summary	Lead and status
06/07/06/2016	Coordinate with Local Authority planners to get more information on their engagement and consultation experiences and share contacts lists.	FM, SB, SS & IG. Ongoing. IG suggested that this item be taken off the action list as coordination with Local authorities will be ongoing throughout plan development. Members agreed.
01/27/06/2017	Move forward with developing work plan for policy development groups.	Team. Completed
02/27/06/2017	Progress socio-economic study and report to next meeting.	KY. Ongoing
03/27/06/2017	Assist with proof reading the Assessment.	Clydeplan. Completed
04/27/06/2017	Organise a date for running a longer MSP challenge session for Members.	SS. Completed
05/27/06/2017	Circulate the FLAG EoI and job specification to those interested for comments before submission.	SB. Completed
06/27/06/2017	Forward information on SIMCelt to SS to circulate to Members.	RF. Completed
07/27/06/2017	Circulate information on the release of the SLR report once this has been finalised.	FM. Completed
08/27/06/2017	Put together a page on the (members areas of the)	SB. Completed

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	website to collate all the relevant information on licensing.	
09/27/06/2017	Forward paper on licensing duties to SS to circulate paper to Members.	JB/BF & SS. Completed
10/27/06/2017	Write to Dr. Stonjanovic to thank him for his work and to update him on discussions today.	SB. Completed
11/27/06/2017	Prepare an agreement between CMPP and Public authorities on a page together and circulate for agreement at the next Members meetings.	FM. Completed
12/27/06/2017	Update members regarding schools programme at the next meeting.	SB. Completed

### 3. Notification of Annuals Members' Meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018

IG notified Members that the next Annual Members' Meeting of the CMPP would be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The meeting would cover business including voting on nominations for non-permanent Board Members and for the position of Chair. IG noted that she would like to take this opportunity to put herself forward for inclusion in the nominations for the position of Chair. More information on the process for nominations is available in the Operational Guidance document.

### 4. Application for Membership – SEPA

Members voted that SEPA should become a member of the Partnership. As a public authority, SEPA would now need to give their consent to the Ministerial Direction (to be coordinated by Marine Scotland) and then sign the CMPP constitution.

**Action 1 - FM to liaise with SEPA to sign the CMPP constitution.**

### 5. Agreement between public authorities and CMPP for delivering duties under the Direction

Members reviewed the statement, prepared by FM for public authorities, which outlines the agreement of delivery of duties under the Direction. A small amendment on the second bullet point was suggested to include 'In so far as consultation with third parties is concerned'. Members approved the text and FM will now liaise with Marine Scotland for their approval on the agreement. The statement would then be included on the website.

**Action 2 - FM to liaise with Marine Scotland on approval of the text of the agreement.**

**Action 3 - Once approved, SS to add the text of the agreement to website.**

### 6. Plan Development update:

#### a) Assessment

SB updated Members that the Assessment design was progressing well and is nearing completion. The final document will be a PDF. The design has incorporated many of the Members suggestions for features; however some could not be included due to costs or practicalities, i.e. links to external websites and documents. She thanked Michelle McGuckin and Debbie Crawford at Clydeplan, on behalf of the Partnership, for proof reading document.

The process for development of the Assessment has been noted in the meeting papers. Unfortunately, due to a misunderstanding, the CFA has only submitted comments on the document recently. The comments concern Chapters 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4. These chapters, with new changes clearly marked, will be circulated to Members for their approval via email. Members are invited to comment on the changed text, not the original text. Once changes have been approved, those chapters will be considered signed off. The final designed PDF of the Assessment will then be circulated to Members for approval for publication via email.

It was noted that the Assessment is a snapshot of information and knowledge at a certain time. It is important to the process, but not the only piece of evidence that will be taken into account. Policy development workshops, working groups and other events would also take into account other evidence to be incorporated into the process. Additional information can also be fed into the SA-SEA.

**Action 4 - SB to circulate chapters with changed text to Members for approval of changes via email.**

**Action 5 - SB to share designed PDF of the Assessment with Members for approval for publication via email.**

SB informed the group that the team have now completed 13 topic sheets. They summarise the key issues in priority areas and will be used as an accessible way of communicating the content of the Assessment. MS noted that it is a difficult job to distil complicated information into summarised versions and the topic sheets are very good; they will be useful. SB noted MS's comments on the Topic Sheets and noted that they will be reviewed again before being placed on the website.

*b) Issues and policy options*

1. Under the policy development work streams, FM updated Members that the first meeting for the 'navigation and associated infrastructure' working group was successful. There was good input in terms of future ambitions of the sector and around issues (pressures and impacts) related to the sector. The intention is to present draft policy at the next meeting of the group.
2. The first meeting of the Aquaculture working group has been set for the 7<sup>th</sup> November. All Members are welcome to attend all working group meetings.

**Action 6 - SS to email Members notification of the date of the Aquaculture working group meeting and add any interested Members to the mailing list for this group.**

3. FM updated the group that she also held a session at the Marine Alliance for Science and Technology Scotland (MASTS) Annual Science Meeting on cumulative impacts. Options for policy development are limited in this area, as currently science has only really been able to consider two impacts at the same time. Members of the Shetland Marine Planning team and Marine Scotland planning staff were also at this session.
4. On the socio-economic work, a draft brief has been prepared. FM will circulate the brief to Members when it is finalised.

**Action 7 - When completed, FM to circulate brief for socio-economic work to Members.**

5. The INNS meeting is planned for early 2018. Marine litter is also planned to progress early next year, building on the work of the Marine Litter event in Millport in November 2016, the intention is also to present draft policy at the next meeting under this issue.
6. Based on the work done in the sea-level rise report, and the integrated approach this study used, SEPA have suggested that the CMPP lead on organising a working group on Coastal Dynamics. This would be organised in partnership with Climate Ready Clyde and the University of Glasgow, and would involve public authorities and other relevant organisations. As this is a change from the original proposal in the work streams document FM was seeking approval from Members on this approach. FM noted that this would provide an opportunity to drive policy for the marine plan, but would also involve working with Local Authorities to develop their coastal policy. Members agreed to this approach.

IG emphasised that everyone is welcome to attend every meeting; it does not matter if it does not relate to your sector or area of interest. Some meetings are starting with a sectoral approach, but having mixed participation at them will build integration across policy areas.

FM noted that the team was working with a designer to develop a template for the pre-consultation draft plan, where text and maps can be added straight to the document, rather than have the document designed once the text is drafted. This will save time at the end of the process.

FM updated the Members on the latest developments with SEA progression. The team has been discussing this process with Marine Scotland and it has been proposed to move towards a Sustainability Appraisal, including an SEA. This will allow society and economy to be considered, alongside the environment, from the very early stages. FM presented a diagram of the proposed approach and asked Members for their feedback.

Discussion:

- The Plan has to be developed with social and economic objectives in mind and it is very difficult to look at different sectors and only consider the environmental impact and not the economic and social impacts. It would make a lot of sense to align the processes, rather than consider socio-economic impacts as an additional stage.
- Various statutory bodies follow this approach, so it was felt that this is a good approach to adopt. The NMP has been developed through this process; so it seems sensible to replicate the process in regional plan development.
- It was discussed whether this approach would delay plan development. The consensus was that while this approach would require more work and would take some additional time, it would reduce work at later stages, so is worth doing from the start.
- This approach would also help create better integration between marine and terrestrial planning. It will assist with taking smaller scale activities into consideration.

The Members agreed to proceed with the approach to develop a Sustainability Appraisal, including SEA.

*c) Public engagement and communications*

SB recapped the process of the Statement of Public Participation (SPP) drafting with Members; it has gone through a number of iterations and was signed off at the March and June Members' meetings. Since this, Marine Scotland has made further comments, overall improving the quality of the document. It is currently with Marine Scotland for final comments and then SB will be able to circulate it to the Members for final approval via email. Once approved by Members, the SPP will then go to Ministers for approval. SB asked DP if the SPP will need to go to Ministers every time events are added or changed on the document; DP said this was not the case.

**Action 8 - SB to circulate new draft of the SPP to Members for approval via email.**

SB updated Members that three schools have agreed to take part in the schools work: Lochgilphead Joint Campus, Marr College in Troon and Tarbert Academy. Schools engagement will be done in coordination with Edinburgh University using the Streamline methodology to gather qualitative feedback from the participants. SB outlined what the Streamline approach entailed. This will be done across three sessions in each school, working with 14-16 year olds. The Marine Alliance for Science and Technology in Scotland (MASTS) have given the CMPP a grant for this work as well. A full report will be written up once the work is complete. DAMcG and RD offered help from their organisations with facilitating some of the sessions. It was also noted that this could be an excellent exercise to carry out with Primary school children. It was asked if any schools had been contacted or if any sessions would be carried out in the estuary or any locations on the river? SB noted that it would be preferable to see how the methodology works, if it provides useful inputs for policy development, and then plan further sessions.

FM updated the group that the Tarbert public dialogue event took place in the last month and the Greenock events are coming up in the next couple of weeks. FM thanked EW who has been inputting into the process. The final report will be ready by December and CEP will present the final findings to Members in January.

On public engagement, SB reported that the MSP Challenge events held in June were very successful; there had been good engagement and good feedback from the events. The new Electronic MSP Challenge game development is also underway; SB travelled to the Netherlands to discuss and input into game development with the game developers at NHTV University in Breda. This game is based on the Clyde and on Geographic Information System layers from NMPi – it is excellent but players will need to be reminded that it is ‘Just a Game’ and that outcomes of decisions in the game may not reflect real life.

*d) Clyde 2020 sub-group update*

SB updated Members that the Clyde 2020 sub group Members did not agree to submit the FLAG application. The application was based around an agreed project in the WCRIFG Management Plan to update and add to data collected through the Scotmap project. Members didn’t agree to process the application; specifically the CFA expressed concern about the time commitment for members of the fishing industry.

Work has also begun on the Layman’s guide project. This project is based around the fisheries and seabed chapters of the Assessment, and the aim is to produce accessible versions of this information for lay people. This will involve animations and written guides to explain the Assessment and the information within the chapters concerned. These will then be discussed at workshops, to get feedback and improve them. Once the feedback and comments are taken into account there will then be a second round of workshops to show the final versions of the guide and animations. SB showed the Members an early version of one of the animations. The animation was well received by Members. The first round of workshops will be taking place in December and the second round will take place in January and early February.

The next Clyde 2020 meeting will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> November; Members of the RAG have also been invited to attend. The meeting will cover the Layman’s guide, the scallop stock assessment and a first look at policy options for the RMP. Policy development will be a two-stranded process, as discussions will also be held with the WCRIFG Clyde subgroup. Both processes will feed into development of the fisheries policy. The agenda is currently being finalised. It was asked what the process will be around the scallop stock assessment and SB noted that this process is still to be clarified and confirmed at the Clyde 2020 meeting. IG noted that Members are welcome to attend the Clyde 2020 meeting.

## **7. Members’ updates**

**North Ayrshire Council** – The second iteration of the Local Development Plan is underway, and the consultation draft has been delayed due to procurement issues so will now not be ready until Spring. The Ayrshire growth deal is progressing well. The Irvine Harbour plan is developing well; in addition the Ardrossan harbour master plan is also gaining good progress now that the ferry location has been secured here. NAC is continuing discussions with Peel Ports around options for Hunterston. Lastly, JM thanked FM for presenting on marine planning and the planning partnership at a recent training event in Saltcoats on the built and natural environment.

**Peel Ports Clydeport** – The organisation is continuing on-going discussions with NAC around plans for Hunterston and Ardrossan. Peel Ports Clydeport is also in discussion with Inverclyde on the Greenock cruise ship extension. Currently, there are 60 cruise ships booked in for each of the next

two years. Peel Ports Clydeport also continues to support aspirations to develop a cruise ship port at Holy Loch.

**Clyde Fishermen's Association** – The CFA held the 'Festival of the Sea' in September; 930 people attended and it was a great event. The next event will be the Burns supper on 20<sup>th</sup> January. Currently, the organisation is engaged with Brexit work which will have big implications for west coast fisheries, including the Clyde. The CFA is also undertaking demersal and semi-pelagic surveys beginning on the 29<sup>th</sup> October with Marine Scotland and St Andrews University. The CFA's education programme is in development, with plans to build a training centre; funding has been secured for this. An oral history project is also underway.

**West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group** – The Fisheries management plan has been in place since April. The next IFG meeting will take place towards the end of the month. A report on revised scallop management measure is currently with Marine Scotland, awaiting a decision.

**Argyll and Bute Council** – The council is currently developing the second LDP and is about to launch a consultation on the MIR for 6 weeks from the 16<sup>th</sup> October. Details of the consultation will be circulated to CMPP; MS requested that this be circulated to Members by staff. The consultation contains questions on maritime development, including a national maritime park. The Council took part in the National Marine Plan review which was very useful.

**The Scottish Salmon Company** – Speaking generally for the Scottish aquaculture industry, RD noted that the industry (shellfish, seaweed, salmon and trout) views the Clyde marine region as having significant development potential for farming and processing. Specifically for the Scottish Salmon Company, the organisation are developing and modernising the site at Lamlash Bay, which has been there for 30 years. This is going through the pre-application consultation process with Marine Scotland, SEPA and the Local Authority. RD has circulated a letter to the CMPP outlining the proposal and would be grateful if this could be circulated amongst Members. The Scottish Salmon Company would encourage further engagement and dialogue from anyone who is interested in finding out more about this redevelopment during the pre-application consultation phase.

**Royal Yachting Association Scotland** – Scotland's Boat Show is taking place at Kip Marina this weekend. The Cruising Association, which is not a member of the RYA, has been running a campaign about creel buoy marking, including a petition sent to Westminster. The RYAS appreciates that this is a complicated situation and requests people to contribute to evidence around this issue in order to inform further debate.

**Clydeplan** – The latest Clydeplan SDP was approved in July; marine planning and the CMPP have been fully embedded in this. ST thanked the CMPP team for helping to support that process. The national planning review is on-going and the final review will be published in December and will be enacted in June. There are implications in this for Clydeplan, as discussion seems to be going in favour of regional partnership, which would supersede strategic planning agencies. ST noted that he would keep the Members advised of these changes. Michelle McGuckin has taken a secondment to join the Glasgow City Region team, Clydeplan are hoping to fill her post. The Clydeplan website has been updated.

**South Ayrshire Council** – The Council recently released its MIR. JE noted that there is alignment in the planning process with at least three of the Local Authorities within the Partnership and there is an opportunity here to achieve consistency with terrestrial and marine planning; this may not arise again for a number of years. The growth deal business cases are advancing well; for South Ayrshire these are mainly based around the air space industry.

**VisitScotland** –2020 is going to be Scotland’s year of coast and waters and there are opportunities here for marketing, as coast and waters have many important consumer-facing activities. A scoping report is currently with HIE for pan West coast tourism collaboration, including working with Argyll & Bute Council and seven destination organisations. Sail Scotland are also considering developing a new themed route, potentially around the MPA network. This would involve direct collaborative work between the recreation and conservation industries, which can encourage the international visitors to Scotland.

**Marine Scotland** – The National Marine Plan is currently under review; this is to be completed by 31 March next year. A questionnaire has been circulated to key stakeholders and MS would be grateful if this could be circulated to Members. David Palmer will be leaving Marine Scotland in the next 6-8 weeks, and will be replaced by Helen Grey, a senior civil servant who is new to Marine Scotland.

**SNH** – SNH have contributed to the NMP review. A ‘Pride of the Clyde’ bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund programme has been submitted by the Central Scottish Green Network Trust and developed in partnership with the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network partnership. The project is seeking to develop a programme of activities based around communities in the inner Clyde area including: West Dunbartonshire, Yoker, Renfrew and Inverclyde. It is mostly focussed on developing green infrastructure, but that also includes access to the coastline and connecting people with their local coastal heritage. The result will be known by the end of the year. The bid has been supported by 4 Local Authorities and SNH.

**RSPB** – The RSPB, through Scottish Environment LINK has been inputting to the Scottish Climate Change Bill review. The RSPB has been involved in various pieces of case work along the Clyde, such as the old Exxon site at Bowling and some aquaculture work. The organisation continues to do wetland bird surveys in the inner Clyde intertidal area on a yearly basis, however, RSPB struggles to get volunteers to take part. Ailsa Craig management is ongoing.

**Scottish Coastal forum (SCF) (update sent via email)** –Work has been ongoing with the SIMCelt project. In the Clyde, MSP Challenge board game events were carried out over the summer with CMPP staff, Crawford Paris, MSP M.Sc. student from Aberdeen University and Rhona Fairgrieve in Lochgilphead, Arrochar, Glasgow, Arran and Greenock (x2). Feedback from the sessions suggests participants enjoyed playing the game and also developed a better understanding of marine spatial planning, they could also better imagine the viewpoints of others as well as gaining insight into the influencing factors of marine planning. The development of the MSP Challenge digital game continues, with colleagues at NHTV in the Netherlands working to tailor their electronic game to Clyde data. A test session is scheduled for mid-September, with another one in October ahead of final delivery and the first playing of the Clyde game in November.

**Action 9 - SS to circulate A&B MIR consultation information, the SSC proposal information and NMP review survey to Members**

**Action 10 - SS to put information on bird surveys on CMPP website to help recruit volunteers**

## **8. Sea-level rise project update**

The report has now been published and there was good coverage in national and local media. The fact that the study highlights a lot of shared responsibilities was a key challenge for SNH in publishing the report. Another lesson learned, is to have involved Scottish Government more closely. It was asked when the GIS data would be released. FM noted that this needs to be coordinated with SEPA, but she would keep Members updated.

## **9. Website update: Members’ area notifications**

SS told Members that an update to the Members' area was being made. This would enable notifications to be sent out to all users of the Members' area when a new document has been uploaded to the area. SS would carry out testing of this, and would be in touch with Members with updates on this. She also noted that if anyone needs a reminder of their login details to let her know.

#### 10. AOB

IG reminded Members of the process around Minutes; the staff will aim to issue draft Minutes to Members within 14 days of the meeting. After any comments are taken into consideration, they are then published on the CMPP website within 28 days of the meeting.

FM informed Members that a six monthly report of the CMPP activities is being drafted to be submitted to Ministers. This covers activities and progress from March 2016. It is currently with Marine Scotland for comment and then will be circulated to Members.

#### 11. Summary of action points

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01/10/10/2017	Liaise with SEPA to sign the CMPP constitution.	FM
02/10/10/2017	Liaise with Marine Scotland on approval of the text of the agreement between public authorities and CMPP.	FM
03/10/10/2017	Once approved add the above text of the agreement to the website.	SS
04/10/10/2017	Circulate Assessment chapters with changed text to Members for approval via email.	SB
05/10/10/2017	Share fully designed PDF of the Assessment with Members for approval for publication via email.	SB
06/10/10/2017	Email Members notification of the date of the Aquaculture working group meeting and add any interested Members to the mailing list of this group.	SS
07/10/10/2017	When completed, circulate brief for socio-economic work to Members.	FM
08/10/10/2017	Circulate SPP to Members for approval via email.	SB
09/10/10/2017	Circulate NMP review survey, A&B MIR consultation information and the SSC proposal information to Members.	SS
10/10/10/2017	Share information on bird surveys on CMPP website to help recruit volunteers.	SS

#### Summary of discussion points agreed

- Remove action point 06/07/06/2016 from the list as this was an on-going part of plan development.
- Members voted that SEPA becomes a Member of the partnership.
- On the agreement between public authorities and CMPP for delivering duties under the Direction, Members agreed on this text.
- Members agreed to review changes to Chapters 5.2, 5.3 & 5.4 of the Assessment via email; and once these changes were approved the Assessment would be signed off.
- Members agreed to approve the designed Assessment document for publication via email.
- Members agreed that the CMPP would lead on a Coastal Dynamics working group, an amendment to the policy development plan, which was approved at a previous meeting.
- The Members agreed to proceed with the proposed approach to develop a Sustainability Appraisal.