



Agenda - CMPP Members' Meeting
26th June 2018

PeelPorts Clydeport Office, 16 Robertson St., Glasgow G2 8DA

	Item	Time	Lead
1.	Welcome and apologies	10:30-10:40	IG
2.	Review of action points from last meeting	10:40-10:55	IG
3.	Plan development:		
	a) Workplan 2018-2020	10:55-12:25	FM
	b) Policy Development		Mark Kummerer
	- Presentation from Mark Kummerer, MKA Economics: An Update on the Socio-economic report.		
	- Update on sectoral and issues based workshops		
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	c) SA/SEA scoping report	12:25-12:35	SS
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	d) Public engagement and communications	12:35-12:40	SS
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	e) Clyde 2020 update	12:40-12:55	FM
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	Lunch	12:55-13:40	
4.	Members' updates	13:40-14:30	All
5.	EMFF funding update	14:30-14:50	FM
6.	AOB	14:50-14:55	All
	- Update on changes to the Direction to include SEPA		
7.	DONM	14:55-15:00	IG
	- 26 th Sept (Venue TBC)		
	- W/C 19 th November (Venue TBC)		
	- W/C 18 th March including AGM (Venue TBC)		
8.	Close	15:00	IG



**Minutes of the CMPP Members' Meeting
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Chair: Isabel Glasgow (IG)

Present: Voting Members

Paul Bancks (PB), Crown Estate Scotland
 Klare Chamberlain (KC), CalMac
 Paul Chandler (PC), Community of Arran Seabed Trust
 Shirley Curran (SC), South Ayrshire Council
 Calum Duncan (CD), Scottish Environment LINK
 John Esslemont (JE), South Ayrshire Council
 Rhona Fairgrieve, Scottish Coastal Forum
 Lorraine Holdstock (LH), Argyll and Bute Council
 Arthur Keller (AK), Scottish Natural Heritage (also Board member)
 Willie Kennedy (WK), Scottish Sea Anglers Conservation Network
 Catherine Lambert (CaL), Clydeplan
 Alex MacFie (AMF), Field Studies Council
 Derek Manson (DM), Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park
 Lisa Reilly (LR), Clydeport Operations Ltd., SHA
 Graham Russell (GR), RYA Scotland
 Elaine Whyte (EW), CFA (also Board Member)

Present: Others

Ian Black (IB), Marine Scotland
 Brian Forrest, Board Member
 Peter Henderson, Board Members (left during item 4)
 George Hunter, Attending on behalf of Karen Yeomans (Arrived at item 3)
 Mark Kummerer, MKA Economics (for items 1-3)
 Fiona Mills, CMPP staff
 Sinéad Sheridan, CMPP staff
 Alex Watson-Crook, Board Member
 Howard Wood, Board Member (left after item 3e)

Apologies

Jan Brooke, Clydeport Operations Ltd., SHA
 Marc Browne, The Scottish Salmon Company
 Zoe Clelland, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
 Rebecca Dean (RD), The Scottish Salmon Company
 David Kinniburgh, Board Member
 Simon Limb, British Marine Federation
 James Miller, North Ayrshire Council
 Alastair McNeill (AMN), WCRIFG (also Board Member)

1. Welcome and apologies

Isabel Glasgow thanked Clydeport for hosting the meeting at their offices today. She welcomed all the attendees to the meeting, especially noting AWC's attendance for the first time as a new Board member. She noted that The Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) will be changing representation and RD (apologies noted) will not be attending meetings going forward. The SSC representative going forward will be Marc Browne. She thanked Rebecca for her time and commitment to the CMPP and also for her work and contribution to the Firth of Clyde Forum. IG also welcomed IB, a new employee with Marine Scotland to the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves and IG announced the apologies (noted above).

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
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01/28/03/2018	Update Clyde 2020 Steering Group and RAG about progress on the projects discussed at the last C2020 meeting in November.	FM. Complete
02/28/03/2018	Circulate the IFG newsletter to Members which contains an update on the SIFIDS project.	SS. Complete
03/28/03/2018	RD to forward socio-economic studies to FM.	RD. No reports received.
04/28/03/2018	SS to circulate Sea Scotland information.	SS. Complete
05/28/03/2018	Forward SSACN report once available to SS for circulation to Members.	WK. Ongoing
06/28/03/2018	Include marine litter - plastics in next newsletter.	SS. Complete
07/28/03/2018	Put application in for 'Clyde-wide' project and develop GIS proposal in conjunction with SNH, Marine Scotland, Scottish Environment LINK, COAST and University contacts.	FM. Ongoing
08/28/03/2018	Confirm potential University contacts for GIS work to FM.	PC. Complete
09/28/03/2018	Make amendments to lessons learned report and then circulate for further comment before sending to Marine Scotland.	FM. Complete
10/28/03/2018	Add link to MS-LOT Guidance on the CMPP website.	SS. Complete
11/28/03/2018	Invite Scottish Campaign for National Parks to attend a future CMPP meeting for a presentation and discussion on the proposals.	IG. Complete – there is no marine element in D&G national park proposal at this time, so a presentation is not required.
12/28/03/2018	Circulate Galloway discussion paper to Members for information.	SS. Complete

3. Plan Development update:

a) Work Plan

FM gave an update on the revised workplan and changes to the plan development schedule, which has been circulated to Members for review. The change that has been made is to move the pre-consultation stage from June to November 2018, as plan development is currently behind where it has been anticipated it would be at this stage, due to short staffing within the team in the last six months. The revised timetable will still result in the plan and associated documents being delivered to Ministers in March 2020. The Statement of Public Participation has also been revised to reflect these changes and this has now gone to Marine Scotland for approval by the Minister before being added to CMPP website. There was some discussion following this item:

- When will this partnership as a whole have an opportunity to look at the draft plan? FM noted that the draft plan will be circulated to Members in advance of the September meeting, to be discussed at that meeting. The draft will be out for review amongst Members between September and end of November. The draft plan will also go through the Sustainability Appraisal including Strategic Environment Assessment stage at that point. FM noted that another meeting or several smaller meetings/focus groups may be needed between the September and November Members' meeting to discuss issues as they may arise.
- Have all the committee cycles of the local authorities been calculated into the pre-consultation draft phase to make sure there is sufficient time for them to review the draft? FM noted that the Argyll & Bute committee timings have been considered, as they have the longest lead time, but the others will be investigated.

- Will the format of pre-consultation draft be similar to the consultation document? FM anticipated that they would be similar, yes.
- Pre-consultation stage is a non-statutory consultation phase that will take place around a year in advance of the statutory consultation phase. There will therefore be time to discuss issues that arise from the pre-consultation phase further and time to allow decisions on these issues.

Action (1) – SS to amend workplan to make clear that the pre-consultation draft phase beginning at the end of November

Action (2) – SS to check committee cycles and timings with other Local Authorities

b) Policy Development

Socio-economic opportunities report

Mark Kummerer gave an update on this piece of work which is a review of all current reports, documents, plans and papers that may help shape the future development of socio-economic projects, policies and objectives as part of the Clyde Regional Marine Plan. His presentation outlined the findings so far of the over 60+ documents supplied for review. This review of the documents provides a sense of what is currently happening within the region in terms of economic development. It reflects what is said about marine planning, labour market conditions, opportunities for coastal communities and links to natural and historic environment. The review also considers tourism and wellbeing; this is mainly drawn from community plans, and touches on some aspects of socio-economic growth. Some of the key findings from the documents reviewed so far include:

- National economic strategy – a key focus of this document is how to address Scotland’s productivity gap. There is a strong key sector focus which cascades into local plans. Internationalisation is a strong theme. There is significant reference to the National Marine Plan and how marine planning can bring direct benefits to coastal and island communities.
- The review also considered the Clyde Marine Region Assessment. Fisheries, aquaculture and fish processing are key sectors nationally, and are seen as key for growing productivity. Tourism is also a significant economic generator. Defence and shipping, are not viewed nationally as key sectors as identified by the government, but they are key regionally. Within the sectors that are reliant on the marine environment, the number of jobs has been increasing.
- The Clydeplan economic strategy has three main priorities: to develop the Clyde region as (i) a successful place, (ii) a sustainable and naturally resilient place and (iii) a connected place. The strategy references the visitor economy, renewable energy, and infrastructure - important aspects to pull out through the regional marine plan.
- The Argyll and Bute economic strategy highlights key sectors which are marine related and presents opportunities for increased employment. The document also picks up a lot of pressures on the fishing fraternity and the pressures around growing the economy whilst understanding the importance of the environment. It also flags issues with regard to funding post Brexit.
- The Glasgow (city region) economic strategies are much more high level in comparison to the documents noted above. There is not much reference to the marine environment. The high level thematic objectives are quite close to the Scottish Government objectives in terms of improving employment. There are some references to key sectors - tourism is a common theme throughout.
- The Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park economic and tourism strategy ran till 2017. This is the largest industry in the park.
- The North Ayrshire Council economic strategy is based around themes with a strong focus on place, the outdoors and the environment. These strategies are seeking to create economic prosperity with a real focus on the outdoors and the environment; there are

similarities with Argyll and Bute. There is less reference to sectors, but more on opportunities afforded to local people.

- South Ayrshire's strategy is thematic in nature. This area is very reliant on public sector, retail and tourism related jobs. There is a strong relationship between the environment and the economy.

The review of all the relevant documents is still underway, but at this stage the emerging findings show the focus for Scotland is on productivity and growth, particularly in regard to tourism, and food and drink. The next steps for this piece of work will be to develop a matrix which aligns the documents being looked at. There will also be some bench marking done against other countries to compare where are the leading places with an edge on marine planning and balancing economic growth.

Following the presentation there was a discussion which covered the following points:

- It is important to include the Scottish Marine Tourism Strategy. It refers to other points raised and provides evidence, especially in relation to capacity building. In the experience of the sector, a lot of conflict has been mitigated against by people from different sectors working together.
- The Ayrshire Growth Deal will be focussed on growing tourism, especially along the Girvan to Largs coastline – the intention is to drive business creation and employment growth.
- Members noted several documents and pieces of work to be included in the review – such as the local development plans, business and regulatory impact assessment of the MPAs, development of Cool Routes, economic value of sea angling, etc. These were noted by MK and staff for inclusion.
- There is a socio-economic group starting in August in Argyll and Bute this could feed back into the CMPP.
- Situation depends on where you are on the Clyde, e.g. depopulation or lack of infrastructure.
- West Dunbartonshire and Inverclyde are included within the Clydeplan documents, they also tend to be less marine focussed however they should also be considered.

FM noted that the aim is to finish this piece of work by July in order to have it in time to feed into the pre-consultation draft marine plan. Realistically therefore the scope of the report will be unable to consider the full impact of Brexit. She asked for suggestions for the benchmarking with other places around the world. It was noted that Ireland is only just starting the marine planning process; however there has been some work done called 'our oceans wealth' which could be worth considering. Denmark and the Faroes were also flagged as potential places to consider.

Sectoral and issues based workshops: A lot of the work in the last 6 months has been around organising and running workshops, this has been divided into sectoral workshops and issue workshops. These are at various stages. The aim of the sectoral working groups is to start to look at the ambitions of the sectors. The SA/SEA will be used to identify potential tensions between these, but at this stage sectoral priorities will be used as a starting point for policy development. The issues based workshops have been on marine litter and mobile species including birds and noise. These workshops were productive and so far we are trying to be ambitious and challenging with policy. At this stage, obviously we do not know how much of what is being drafted will make it through to the final plan.

Second working group meetings need to be held for fisheries and sport, recreation and tourism. For sport, recreation and tourism, this is being divided into two levels as it is such a large sector. Attendance at the working group meetings has been made up of a core group of representative

strategic organisations from across the sectors. To reach the local clubs and other users/stakeholders a survey will be run to gather their feedback.

There was a general discussion amongst members on the workshops:

- It was asked why only members of the sectors could attend the working group workshops. FM outlined the organisation of the workshops and the rationale for only inviting members of the sectors to the sectoral based workshops. These workshops could have been opened up to anyone, but did not think it was appropriate at the stage as an initial step of gathering sectoral perspectives and priorities needed to be undertaken. Once there is a clear idea of what these look like we can start to envisage how the plan fits together. FM reiterated that all CMPP Members can come to all workshops. It has also been made clear at the workshops that what is discussed by the sectors may not make it to the final plan, as it all needs to fit with other parts of the plan and some things may not be compatible.
- How are the stakeholders who are invited chosen? Staff approached CMPP members who are involved in the sector and identified wider stakeholders. There has been a good amount of interest, but it has been difficult to capture upstream stakeholders, such as processors.
- Why has there not been a workshop for the environmental Non-Governmental Organisations? FM explained that the structure of the plan would be similar to that of the NMP and the general policies must be adhered to and taken into account ahead of the sectoral policies. The policies relating to environmental issues are included in the general policies, so these must be taken into account first. In addition, there is scope for environmental policies within the sectoral policies, so environmental issues will run as a thread throughout the plan, as such there isn't a need to have a separate environmental NGO workshop.
- It would be useful to have an overview of what the progress is with each area of policy development.

Action (3) - FM to send to members list of chapters to be drafted for pre-consultation draft plan, noting stage of development for each

- It was noted that the National Marine Plan creation followed a similar process of starting with sectoral work before wider consultation and that this is a tried and tested method.
- The SA/SEA is the mechanism for testing all the interactions.
- Fisheries sector is similar to sport, recreation and tourism in that it is difficult to engage with all those who are active in the sector – fishers are unlikely to come to a meeting held during the week as they would rather be out at sea. It will be essential during the pre-consultation phase to engage with fisheries stakeholders to ensure they feed into the process.
- CFA noted they can assist with gathering interest and attendance at the working group meeting from the sector.
- The plan is to circulate all the draft policies ahead of September, but at this stage no other draft policy is ready for circulation to Members.

FM then gave an overview of the draft shipping, ports, harbours and ferries and defence policy that had been circulated to Members. This is to give an idea of how an example of sectoral draft policy is developing. She flagged the space for a map within the chapter. A common theme so far at the sectoral working group meetings is that there is a reluctance to get spatially specific, so that is something to bear in mind that we may want to push further at a later stage. Members raised the following points:

- It is a surprise that people do not want to get spatial, as the NMP is far more strategic and not spatial, and had anticipated there would be a larger spatial component at the regional level.

- Added value of regional marine planning is that it takes these strategic issues in the NMP and addresses some of the spatial issues they give rise to when you apply them. Spatial planning is perceived as putting constraints on the sector (although it may also add opportunities/create synergies), so some resistance would be expected, but the plan development process should be aware of this and not resist it.
- Introducing spatial aspects could be done through consultation questions in the pre-consultation draft stage. It might also require more in depth work with specific sectors – e.g. involving science, stakeholders’ time and additional resources. This is something to bear in mind and as we see how the plan develops.
- Development of small ports/harbours needs to be included.

On GIS support, Marine Scotland has identified someone within their team who can help CMPP staff with this. At this stage staff will progress this work with Marine Scotland assistance, but help may be required sometime again in the future, potentially from partners.

c) Sustainability Appraisal including Strategic Environmental Assessment scoping report (SA/SEA)

SS gave an update on the progress of the SA/SEA scoping report. Unfortunately staff have not been able to progress this as quickly as hoped, but are aiming to share the scoping report with Members for comment in July. The comments in from Marine Scotland and SNH so far have been around developing the methodology, the scoring criteria and reasonable alternatives. There was some discussion around the scoping report and SA/SEA:

- What is the rationale for doing this in house? AK noted that it is the advice of the consulting authorities that the SA/SEA and plan benefit from this approach. Having the plan makers also develop the SA/SEA leads to the outcomes of the SA/SEA affecting the quality of the policy document far more effectively. It creates a ‘thinking’ process rather than an ‘add on’ at the end.
- Can the staff manage this workload? There are a number of other assessments that need to be done as well and the CMPP might consider contracting out some of that work in order to manage the work load effectively.
- On the general subject of resources, it was noted that it can be cost effective to second in staff or skills from other organisations from within the partnership if resources are available. It was also noted that there is a range of organisations on the partnership, some of which are much smaller than others and don’t have access to the same level of resources or number of staff.

d) Public engagement and communications

SS gave an update on recent work relating to engagement and communications; this was largely around preparations to ensure compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulations, such as preparing a new privacy notice for the website. FM noted to Members, so that they are aware, when feedback from Members is sent in, staff will keep a record on file. These can be released into the public domain if a relevant Freedom of Information request is submitted.

e) Clyde 2020 sub-group update

FM gave an update on progress on the Layman’s Guide. This will be sent out to Members for a final review. Publication will be aimed for in July. FM noted that a Clyde 2020 meeting will need to be arranged sometime after the summer holidays. The focus of this will be to discuss the scallop assessment and wrasse.

4. Members’ updates

South Ayrshire Council – The Local Development Plan is being refreshed. There is currently a synergy between all the development plans around the Clyde at the moment and this provides a good

opportunity to integrate regional marine planning. The Ayrshire Growth Deal is still progressing, and recently there has been more cooperation between the councils to deliver this. One of SAC's growth sectors is land energy, and this is primarily driven by a biofuel project down in Girvan. This is a council owned harbour and has become a profitable venture for the first time in many years. The operation chips wood to make biofuels and shipping the wood takes the equivalent of 150 trucks a day off the road. A paper has recently been submitted to the council to consolidate activities with North Ayrshire Council. So far there has been good cooperation between planning departments, an example to the CMPP that different organisations can work together and that in fact, local development plans should be designed to link together. IG informed members that this would be JE's last meeting as he was retiring from SAC. She thanked him for the time and commitment he has given over the many years of his involvement with the Firth of Clyde Forum and more recently to the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership and wished him well for his retirement. Members reiterated these comments and thanked JE for his work with the Forum and the CMPP.

Argyll and Bute Council – LH recently attended a meeting with SSE Hydro regarding cable relaying in the Clyde. If any members are interested in more information on this, LH is happy to provide a summary of the proposals. In the last meetings members update, LH noted that Argyll and Bute were considering a marine infrastructure audit, there has been no further progress on this due to staff shortages. With regard to the proposed national marine park, no decisions have been made on this yet. It is at the Main Issues Report stage; this does not take a set position but presents options to be consulted on. A settled view will be determined in the autumn, after the consultation.

Scottish Environment LINK – The third SeaScotland conference took place earlier this month in Kinghorn. Feedback is still being gathered, but the general feedback received so far indicates that the conference was a success. The theme of the conference was around empowering and engaging communities, including young people. Scottish Environment LINK's recent work is focussing on the next tranche of MPA management measures. SE LINK will be looking to do some public engagement for this. The Marine Conservation Society will be carrying out their annual Great British Beach Clean in the third week of September this year and July is plastic free challenge month.

Marine Scotland – The Statement of Public Participation for the Clyde Regional Marine Plan is currently with the Cabinet Secretary for her consideration. In terms of the revised Direction as a result of SEPA joining the partnership, Marine Scotland is still waiting on solicitors' time to process the changes. The Island Bill has now passed the parliamentary procedure although this is of more importance to Orkney; Clyde might be subject to the impact assessment and island proofing aspects of this process.

Scottish Coastal Forum – In the aftermath of intensive engagement on EU project work, the future of the SCF will be considered including how it can best reflect stakeholder engagement opportunities to Marine Scotland

Field Studies Council – FSC Millport has been busy, and recently hosted a pan European duck conference where people came from all over the world to look at ducks in the Clyde. The centre has also been busy with university groups and the general feedback from these groups is that the Clyde provides an excellent and special environment that facilitates educational groups very well. There are a number of researchers currently at the centre at the moment – a PhD candidate looking at microplastics and a Masters student working on seaweed.

Community of Arran Seabed Trust – There are currently several students carrying out work and projects on the island. An MSc from University College London may be contacting Members of the CMPP with regards to stakeholder engagement in MPAs. The annual crustacean survey is about to

begin in the No Take Zone (NTZ), this undertaken by the University of York. Part of that work will include drop down camera work looking at finfish abundance inside and outside the NTZ. For the first time the survey will also be looking at rocky areas for wrasse population assessment. There have been issues with vessels making alleged incursions into the NTZ and MPA. The local community and COAST have been in touch with Marine Scotland compliance on this. COAST is also considering being involved in a 'Think about plastic' steering group, this is being spear-headed by Surfers Against Sewage through their plastic free beach campaign. It is a requirement to have a local councillor on the steering group. COAST has also been involved in recent Seasearch courses. The new COAST Octopus centre will be open this month and an architectural firm has undertaken design of the outreach and education centre free of charge as part of their corporate and social responsibility.

Clydeplan – Clydeplan continues to monitor the progress of the Planning Bill, which is currently at stage 2 of the parliamentary process. It currently looks as though this stage will be finalised in late September, and will then move onto stage 3, which is the final stage before the Bill becomes an Act. Clydeplan is working very closely with Glasgow City Region and the various portfolio groups there and the emerging Glasgow City partnership.

Royal Yachting Association Scotland – Nothing to update at this time.

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park – The park is currently reviewing the core path plan. There will also be a review of the outdoor recreation plan next year. Also, later on in the year work will begin on the reviewed tourism strategy. LLTNP are also looking at the planning review and how the park's next plan will fit with that. LLTNP attended the CMPP marine litter workshop and also the Marine Litter summit in Oban called by the Cabinet Secretary.

North Ayrshire Council - GH noted he was attending the CMPP meeting in place of Karen Yeomans. He noted his day to day work is around the Ayrshire Growth Deal. Work is progressing well with this and currently NAC are looking at developing a coastal route, taking inspiration from the success of the NC 500. This would look to promote the unique attractions of NA and attract visitors and benefit communities. The councils work is ongoing with the Cumbrae and Millport flood prevention scheme and the Clyde Islands Initiative, which seeks to promote synergies between the islands. The Council also has produced a refreshed tourism action plan.

Clyde Fishermen's Association – The CFA has submitted several papers to the WCRIFG to introduce new conservation measures. The CFA are also trying to find out more about ongoing and emerging wrasse projects so fishermen can get involved. A lot of other work is ongoing around: the Crown Estate Scotland seabed leasing project; preparations for Brexit – the main concern on this is around access to markets; managing several EMFF bids around the diversification for fishers; the EMFF Scallop stock assessment proposal bid is also progressing and science trials with St Andrews. Planning is underway for this year's Festival of the Sea and the Association recently had its AGM. Members have been involved in Anchorlab tracking of vessel location and depth; tracking will be in place on all vessels by 2020. EW noted that the CFA are supportive of vessels being compliant with regard to MPAs. The CFA have also joined the Communities Inshore Fisheries Alliance (CIFA), which operates nationally.

Clydeport Operations Ltd. – Work around the beneficial use of dredged materials is progressing well. There has also been ongoing work around invasive species and information gathering and sharing on biosecurity. Cruise ship season is underway, 64 ships are expected this year and next year this is expected to rise to 85. Investment in the Hunterston site is also ongoing.

CalMac – The CalMac ferries marine awareness programme is progressing well. The marine wildlife officer has been engaged since February. Hopefully CalMac will be able to continue with this role next year as budget allows. Marine mammal surveys on board have been proceeding well with good sightings; CalMac are three months into survey season - halfway through. Next year the organisation may extend the programme and trial one of the Clyde routes, not as many sightings are expected in the Clyde but there is still an opportunity to collect valuable data.

Scottish Sea Angling Conservation Network – The Shark tagging programme which has been running for 10 years is now looking at using the latest technology which would allow tagging of other finfish species as well. SSACN are in discussion with other angling bodies around the UK to share materials and techniques. Outreach work is also ongoing; however it is a challenge to keep up with demand for engagement.

Crown Estate Scotland – Proposed legislation for how the Crown Estate Scotland will be managed in future is still in process – all the information around this is available on the Scottish Government website.

Scottish Natural Heritage – SNH were also involved in the SeaScotland event. SNH are engaging with the Scottish Government consultation on a sectoral marine plan for offshore wind. The staffing situation with the CMPP has progressed – the recruitment exercise for the Marine Plan Manager’s role has been completed. Details cannot be shared at this time as the appointment is not yet official. Work is now underway for recruiting for the Marine Plan Officer role. There was some discussion about the mechanism for advertising this role. IG suggested that she discuss this with AK and share the outcome with members. Members agreed to this.

Action (4) - Chair and AK to discuss mechanism for advertising role and share outcome with Members

West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group – FM gave the update on behalf of AMCN who sent his apologies for this meeting. A WRCIFG Management Committee meeting took place in early May. The topics covered in the meeting were; (i) Marine Scotland preparations for Brexit which has so far involved dialogue with fisheries stakeholders; (ii) a update on the SIFIDS project; (iii) the first annual review of the WCRIFG Fisheries Management Plan and (iv) an update on a crab tagging project which will look at the movements of brown crabs on the west coast. This is an extension of an existing project in Orkney. More details on the above can be found on the WCRIFG website.

5. EMFF funding update

FM noted that the EMFF bid proposal is ready to be submitted and she aims to complete it this week. The bid will look to employ someone full-time to engage with the public in the Clyde Marine Region. It includes more animation work on issues arising in the Clyde and also an interactive display stand to use in different places around the region. It is a big piece of work which would greatly increase public understanding and participation in marine planning, so hopefully this bid will be successful. It is targeted to run from September 2018 to December 2020. This includes the post plan adoption phase to keep rolling out the message of the plan.

On the cumulative effects – there is an element of cumulative effects work required within SA/SEA so the EMFF bid cannot support the delivery of that as it is a statutory requirement. This is specifically related to the potential effects of the proposed plan policies. This work can be delivered within the team along with the rest of the SA/SEA. However, it would be beneficial to undertake additional work around pressures mapping and developing a baseline of current effects. This can bring benefits in the post plan adoption phase as this mapping work can be used in developing

responses to marine licence consultations. FM will follow up on potential funding channels, through university contacts and also colleagues in Northern Ireland who have done some work on this, to gauge how much such an undertaking would cost and to see if work can be progressed on this.

6. AOB

The update on changes being made to the Direction was covered in the update from Marine Scotland.

7. DONM

The next three Members' meeting will be held on:

- 26th September 2018
- 19th November 2018
- 19th March 2019 – this will be the Annual Members' meeting followed by Members' meeting.

Details and venue will be confirmed closer to the times of the meetings.

8. Summary of action points

Reference	Summary	Lead
05/28/03/2018	Forward SSACN report once available to SS for circulation to Members	WK. Ongoing
01/26/06/2018	Amend workplan to reflect pre-consultation draft phase beginning at the end of November	SS
02/26/06/2018	Check committee cycles and timings with other Local Authorities	SS
03/26/06/2018	FM to send to members list of chapters to be drafted for pre-consultation draft plan, noting stage of development of each	FM
04/26/06/2018	Discuss mechanism for advertising role and share outcome with Members.	AK

Summary of discussion points agreed

- Agreed that IG and AK would discuss mechanism for advertising Marine Plan Officer post and share outcome with Members.