



Firth of Clyde Forum Core Group Meeting
Wednesday 11th May 2011, Exchange House, Glasgow
Agenda

Morning session

		Time	Lead
	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 ➤ Update on funding ➤ Progress made to date	10:15	IG / Kirstie Dyson
4	Bio-security Plan – Update ➤ Progress update ➤ Conference ideas	10:35	Fiona Mills
5	Marine Litter Strategy ENV 11 ➤ Progress update ➤ Comments on Status Quo report	11:05	KD
6	Clydebreakers ➤ Ideas for articles	11:30	FM
7	Update from Core Group members	11:45	ALL
8	Any Other Business	12:15	ALL
9	Future Meeting Dates	12:20	ALL
	Close and lunch	12:30	

Afternoon session

Extended meeting to examine Millport Marine Data Transfer

		Time	Lead
1	Introduction to Millport Marine Data Transfer	13:15	Iain Hossack, N. Ayrshire council
2	Outcomes from questionnaire	13:35	IH
3	Prioritising marine data – FoCF deliberation	13:55	ALL
	Close	15:00	



Minutes
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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
 Zoe Clelland (ZC) RSPB
 Roger Horne (RH) Clydeport
 Nigel Wallace (NW) Ayrshire Joint
 Structure Plan
 Fiona Wynne (FW) The Crown Estate
 Rhona Fairgrieve (RF) Scottish Coastal
 Forum
 Sarah Brown (SB) The Green Blue
 Phillip Cowie (PC) UMBSM
 Ethel-May Abel (EMA) GCC
 David Lightfoot (DL) HMNB Clyde

APOLOGIES

Charley Rattan, SSE
 Mark Steward, Argyll & Bute Council
 David Adams-McGilp, Visit Scotland
 Wendy Geary, Marine Scotland
 Michelle Carroll, GCVSDPA
 Mike Balmforth, BMF

ITEM 1 – Welcome and apologies

There were a number of new faces at the meeting and so everybody briefly introduced themselves. IG welcomed back FM to her first Core Group Meeting following maternity leave.

ITEM 2 – Minutes and action points from last meeting

Text from 16th November should read that the RSPB have requested that bird nest boxes be incorporated into the development at James Watt dock.
 The next AAG meeting is on 25th May 2011.

AP 16/11 1	Contact Cathy Tilbrook about ENV 1 Data collection and recording strategy	KD/IB	Done
AP 16/11 5	Obtain a copy of the Argyll & Bute Shoreline Protection Plan and forward to KD	MS	Ongoing
AP 16/11 7	Create a webpage with links to the member's educational material, all members to provide KD with links to their organisations education web pages.	KD/ALL	As part of website refresh
AP 25/01 1	Set up biosecurity plan sub-group and arrange an initial meeting. This meeting will consider how the work of this sub-group could tie in with the proposed biosecurity event.	KD	Done. Wider sub-group meeting to be arranged
AP 25/01 2	Set up a meeting with those involved in pressures on benthic habitats and species to establish the state of play. COAST to be included in this meeting.	KD	Awaiting national decision
AP 25/01 3	Send out a Doodle link to arrange the first Seascape Landscape Assessment meeting. Resend amend project brief.	KD	Done

AP 25/01 4	IG to forward to KD the Eurosite report on seascape.	IG/KD	Not found
AP 25/01 5	PC/Philip Smith to send information on the 1 week coastal management course	PC/PS	Will send updated version

ITEM 3 – Seascape Landscape Assessment

Letters have been sent out to interested parties and responses need to be chased up. Whilst a contribution of up to £1k was indicated in the letter, larger contributions are welcome. The report will not just be descriptive, but will also indicate sensitivities and management strategies. It follows on from the recommendations of the landscape seascape assessment undertaken for the SSMEI project (see link below). Councils would use the report to inform planning decisions. Marine Scotland is not undertaking this type of project; budgets are tight, so they will probably be unable to contribute. SCF has a £1k kitty that could be made available.

- RF to confirm process to apply for the SCF kitty
- KD to send letters to RYA, BMF and Visit Scotland

Link to SSMEI Seascape Landscape Assessment carried out by Alison Grant:

http://www.clydeforum.com/ssmei/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20&Itemid=34#Draft-Sea

ITEM 4 – Biosecurity Plan

An initial meeting was held with the Green Blue and Marine Scotland. It was agreed that a stakeholder meeting should be held, probably in September, for various sectors to contribute to the development of the Plan. A wider meeting should be held soon to progress the project.

- FM to arrange next meeting and progress project

ITEM 5 – Marine Litter Strategy

The status quo report is nearly complete and will be sent out to the Core Group within the next week. The next stage of the project is to develop the strategy. David Mallon of Marine Scotland is tasked with the development of a National Marine Litter Strategy (also addressing litter from terrestrial sources). The Firth of Clyde could be used as a pilot project to inform the National Marine Litter Strategy. The Firth of Forth developed The Forth Coastal Litter Campaign 2004 which would be a good point of reference. KIMO are working with the fisheries encouraging them to bag up any litter from their nets and to leave the bags for collection at the port. The Solway Firth have recently put out an advert about the way Solway fisheries are working with KIMO. There was discussion around micro plastics and it has now been decided to include these in the status quo report. EMA stated that it would be useful to be able to quantify the cost of marine litter to business – KIMO has done some work on this in the past. The Crown Estate would be interested in providing funding for this project.

- RF to feedback on how best to engage with Marine Scotland
- KD to confirm to NW contacts from Ayrshire Councils that provided litter information
- PC to send KD text on micro plastics for inclusion in the status quo report

ITEM 6 – Clyde Breakers

There were many ideas for articles for the summer edition of Clyde Breakers

- A Day in the Life of the Queen's Harbour Master (DL)
- Cruise ships at Greenock (RH)
- Transport on the Clyde update including new Transport Museum (EMA)
- Timeline of Marine Scotland activities (RF)
- Wrecks in the Clyde – Archaeological article – Philip Robertson

- FM to send information to DL for A Day in the Life
- Core Group to send articles to FM by 8th June

ITEM 7 – Update from Core Group members

ZC

- Survey work ongoing at Ailsa Craig and Horse Island.
- Large amount of case work and development work generally, but particularly around Hunterston with renewables development, a proposed subsea grid connection and the proposed power station.
- An information officer has been employed for 5-6 months in Irvine to run the “Date with Nature” project encouraging the general public to engage with nature

PC

- Currently a busy teaching period.
- Research is ongoing into the nephrops fishery, plastics pollution and the use of the strandline by birds, bats and other small mammals.

DL

- Working on the expansion of Faslane. Major works not obvious until 2014. Increasing from 6.5k employees to 10k. Focus on military-industry partnership work with studentships and apprenticeships.
- Revised Dockyard Port Order which slightly amends the restricted area in Loch Long and allows a restricted area to be placed around a moving ship – will be in place in the next couple of months.
- Byelaws are being brought up-to-date and include an extension of the no fishing area in Loch Long around Coulport.
- Applying for dredging licences for a small amount of necessary dredging.

SB

- Research into the impacts of antifoul on inland waterways will be complete by June/July.
- Interactions of boating and aquatic environment.
- Practical projects are being updated for the website.
- Involved in talks and wildlife competition during Tall Ships.
- Involved in classic sailing events.
- Will help COAST disseminate information on “dos and don’ts” in No Take Zones.

FW

- Keen to be kept involved in progress on the Marine Litter Strategy

NW

- Increase in fisheries communities fund through LEADER+ to be administered by LAGs. Amounts to £80k for Ayrshire. Firth of Clyde Forum on waiting list.

RF

- Plenary 17th June. Chairs meeting 3rd June.
- Dundas & Wilson preparing a report on governance issues for Marine Planning Partnerships which is due in September.
- There is an EC consultation on Maritime Spatial Planning with a deadline of 20th May if Core Group members have time to look into it.

EMA

- Nautical college has new seamanship jetty and work is all complete
- Clydelink ferry service Yoker – Renfrew extended to Braehead and Plantation Quay
- Clyde Marine service runs from Clydebank to Braehead, Plantations Quay and city centre, also Govan – Riverside Museum service.
- Riverside Museum opens 21st June. Tall Ship Glenlee now relocated. New pontoons under construction at Govan and Yorkhill Quays. Govan riverside refurbishment ongoing.
- Kelvin Harbour under construction at mouth of the River Kelvin.

- No River Festival, but events are ongoing throughout the year.
- Historic Scotland have agreed to lead on project to record, conserve and promote Titan cranes on a national basis.

IB

- Continuing work on MPA surveys, including areas in the Clyde. MPA selection will happen later in the year.

RH

- Record number of cruise ships.
- Working with Scottish Water and SEPA to test an oxygenation technique to improve water quality. The first trial will be around Shieldhall WWTW.
- Introduced computerised interport system identifying containers and their contents. It flags potentially dangerous containers.

IG

- Glasgow City Council meeting was positive with an invitation to the Firth of Clyde Forum to be involved in meetings regarding the development of City Plan 3.

ITEM 8 – Any Other Business

Thanks were given to Ethel May Abel and Glasgow City Council for supplying the venue and refreshments.

ITEM 9 – Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on 4th or 5th October.

Action Points Summary

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