



**Firth of Clyde Forum Core Group Meeting**  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008**  
**The Royal Gourock Yacht Club, Ashton, Gourock, PA19 1DA**

**Agenda**

		<b>Time</b>	<b>Lead</b>
	Coffee and tea	10:00	
1	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	10:30	Isabel Glasgow (IG)
2	<b>SSMEI Update</b>	10:35	John Donnelly (JD)
3	<b>SEA Update</b>	11:00	Kate Thompson (KT)
4	<b>Minutes</b> from last FoCF meeting and matters arising	11:15	IG/All
5	<b>Chair Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COAST</li> <li>• Ayr Scottish Marine Bill Event</li> </ul>	11:25	IG
6	<b>Project Officer Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Conference 2008</li> <li>• Autumn 2008 Clyde Breakers</li> </ul>	11:45	Claire Pescod (CP)
7	<b>Scottish Marine Bill</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FoCF consultation response</li> </ul>	12:15	All
8	<b>Lunch</b>	13:00	
	<b>Scottish Marine Bill <i>continued...</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FoCF consultation response</li> </ul>	14:00	
9	<b>Update from Core Group members</b>	14:40	All
10	<b>Any other business</b>	15:10	All
11	<b>Next meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm venue for meeting on 25 November</li> <li>• March 2009 date and venue</li> </ul>	15:20	All
	<b>Close</b>	15:30	

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**Minutes of Firth of Clyde Forum Core Group Meeting**  
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**Present:**

Isabel Glasgow (IG), Chair  
Claire Pescod (CP), FoCF Project Manager  
Ethel-May Abel (EMA), Glasgow City Council  
Guy Platten (GP) Caledonian Maritime Assessts  
CMAL  
Ian Johnson (IJ), Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan  
John Eddie Donnelly (JED), SSMEI (*Items 1, 2, 3 only*)  
Kate Thompson (KT), SSMEI (*Items 1, 2, 3 only*)  
Michelle Carroll (MC), Glasgow and Clyde Valley  
Structure Plan Joint Committee  
Mike Balmforth (MB), British Marine Federation  
Roger Horne (RH), Clydeport  
Zoe Clelland (ZC), RSPB

**Apologies:**

Alasdair Henderson (AH), CalMac  
Alice Bayles (AB), Scottish Government  
Alistair Sinclair (AS), Scottish Creelers & Divers  
Allen Doyle (AD), SPT  
Chris Nevin (CN), SNH  
David Ross (DR), SEPA  
Ken Clark (KC), Ministry of Defence  
Mark Steward (MS), Argyll & Bute Council  
Patrick Stewart (PS), Clyde Fishermen's Assoc  
Paul Bancks (PB), The Crown Estate  
Rhona Fairgrieve (RF), Scottish Coastal Forum  
Ron Bailey (RB), Clydeport

## **ITEM 1: Welcome and Apologies**

IG welcomed everyone present and informed the meeting of apologies received. Thanks given to Mike Balmforth and the British Marine Federation for provision of the excellent meeting room at The Royal Gourock Yacht Club and for the lunch.

IG informed everyone that she would chair the meeting as Chris Nevin, the usual Core Group Chair, had left SNH for a 2 year secondment with Scottish Government. Until Chris's replacement is in post IG will stand in as Core Group Chair.

## **ITEM 2: SSMEI Update**

JED gave an update on the SSMEI. For a pdf copy of the SSMEI update presentation please contact JED or KT.

- **AP Sept 08 1** – All to feedback to JED if they want more inclusion of current policies in the plan.

## **ITEM 3: SEA Update**

KT gave an update on the SSMEI SEA. For a pdf copy of the SEA presentation please contact JED or KT.

## **ITEM 4: Minutes, Action Points and Matters arising**

### **4.1 Minutes**

There were no comments on the June minutes and they were signed off.

### **4.2 June Action Points**

- AP June 08 1** – CP to send EMA 20 copies of Clyde Breakers. **Discharged**
- AP June 08 2** – CP to send ZC copies of Clyde Breakers for Lochwinnoch reserve. **Discharged**
- AP June 08 3** – EMA to confirm booking of Parish Halls for November conference. **Discharged**
- AP June 08 4** – CP to circulate leaflet distribution list to Core Group members. **Discharged**
- AP June 08 5** – All to feedback to CP if they see the leaflet around the Firth. **Discharged**
- AP June 08 6** – All to feedback ideas for future joint leaflets in collaboration with their own organisation/department. **Discharged**
- AP June 08 7** – KC to send CP an article from the MoD for Clyde Breakers. **Ongoing**
- AP June 08 8** – AH to speak to CalMac marketing department about an article for Clyde Breakers and get back to CP. **Ongoing**
- AP June 08 9** – RM to send CP an article from CMAL for Clyde Breakers, probably about (1) the establishment of CMAL and (2) the Largs pier. **Ongoing**
- AP June 08 10** – AD to ask SPT for an article for Clyde Breakers. **Ongoing**
- AP June 08 11** – EMA to send CP a GCC article for Clyde Breakers. **Discharged**
- AP June 08 12** – All to provide CP with the dates and venues of any events their organisations were holding/hosting in case consultation information could be provided. **Discharged**
- AP June 08 13** – IJ to look into the possibility of using Ayr County Hall for a consultation event. **Discharged**
- AP June 08 14** – IJ and CP to discuss Ayr consultation event further. **Discharged**
- AP June 08 15** – CP to circulate information on the Marine Bill consultation events in the Firth of Clyde once they become available. **Discharged**

**AP June 08 16** – All to familiarise themselves with their organisations position on the future role of Local Coastal Partnerships, ICZM and MSP in time for the September meeting to enable constructive discussions to shape the Forum’s consultation response to the Scottish Marine Bill.

**Discharged**

**AP June 08 17** – IG to look into major sponsorship for the 2008 conference (since Eon appears to be unsuccessful.) **Discharged**

**AP June 08 18** – CP to contact the Crown Estate to see if they would be willing to sponsor the lunch (as they did at the 2007 Conference.) **Discharged**

**AP June 08 19** – RM to send CP contact details for The Institute of Civil Engineers. **Discharged**

**AP June 08 20** – KC to send CP contact details for EMEC. **Discharged**

**AP June 08 21** – RH to look into changes in shipping wrt climate change and Clydeport. **Discharged**

**AP June 08 22** – CP to look into SNIFFER LCLIP courses. **Discharged**

**AP June 08 23** – ZC to look into a speaker from RSPB. **Ongoing**

**AP June 08 24** – CP to contact Liz Cook from SAMs re invasives. **Discharged**

**AP June 08 25** – DR to look into SEPA speaker for conference. **Discharged**

**AP June 08 26** – AD to ask SPT re conference sponsorship – highlighting the link with public transport and climate change etc. **Ongoing**

**AP June 08 27** – EMA to ask the GCC sustainability team if they would like to input to the conference sub-group. **Discharged**

**AP June 08 28** – AB to see if she is able to attend the sub-group meetings. **Discharged**

**AP June 08 29** – ZC to send AH copies of the Ailsa Craig leaflet. **Discharged**

**AP June 08 30** – ZC to send CP paragraph on the Ailsa Craig leaflet, a pdf of it and a high resolution photo to accompany the article for Clyde Breakers. **Discharged**

**AP June 08 31** – MB to check availability of Royal Gourock Yacht Club for the revised date for the September meeting. **Discharged**

**Discharged**

**AP June 08 32** – AD to book a meeting room in SPT for the 25<sup>th</sup> November. CP will book a room in the SNH Clydebank office in case SPT is not available. **Discharged**

### **4.3 Matters arising**

None.

## **ITEM 5: Chair Update**

### **5.1 Lamlash Bay**

The Forum continues to be involved with the Lamlash Bay Working Group (LBWG). There are still ongoing boundary issues for the No Take Zone in the Northern part of the Bay. The LBWG met recently in Glasgow to try to resolve these issues, however they are still not totally resolved.

IG will update the group when the next steps are clearer.

### **5.2 Ayr Scottish Marine Bill Event**

David Palmer highlighted in Ayr that the Scottish Marine Bill consultation, including the event in Ayr, was the only chance in the next 20 years to input to a Scottish Marine Bill. IG thought that the general feeling from delegates was that the Government did not appear to give the sense of importance to the consultation/Bill that delegates felt it should have.

Generally it was felt that the introductory Scottish Government presentation did not contain enough information on the consultation document, and that if more information had been provided it would have better informed delegates which would have improved some workshop discussions.

The notes from all the workshops are to be written up into a report and submitted to the Scottish Government as a note of the event. This report is not a consultation response from the Forum. The report will not be put onto the website but it will be available to anyone who contacts CP and it is possible that it may be put on the Scottish Government website.

- **AP Sept 08 2** – CP to circulate the write up of the Ayr SMB event to workshop facilitators. Any other Core Group members who would like a copy should contact CP.

## **ITEM 6: Project Manager Update**

### **4.1 Annual Conference 2008**

Conference organisation is well underway. Thanks to Glasgow City Council we are able to use the County Chambers and have booked the Banqueting Hall for the presentations and exhibitions and 2 suites for workshops, lunch and coffee. Core group members are asked to promote the conference and exhibiting opportunities within their organisations and to any relevant groups and colleagues. Sponsorship opportunities are still available, please contact CP to discuss this further.

- **AP Sept 08 3** – EMA to contact Clyde Waterfront to ask about exhibiting at the conference.
- **AP Sept 08 4** – EMA to ask Warren McIntyre if James Curran from the Sustainable Development Commission had confirmed he would speak at the conference.

### **4.2 Autumn 2008 Clyde Breakers**

CP reminded the group that the Autumn 2008 edition of Clyde Breakers was due to go to the designers very soon and if they had any final articles to submit to please do so quickly. If articles could not make the deadline for the Autumn edition then they could be submitted for the next edition in the New Year.

- **AP Sept 08 5** – MB to send an update for Clyde Breakers.
- **AP Sept 08 6** – GP to look into an article possibly on the development of Largs Pier.

## **ITEM 7: Scottish Marine Bill Consultation Response**

A long discussion followed regarding the Forum's submission to the Scottish Marine Bill consultation. The outcome of the discussions can be found at the end of the minutes written up as the formal response from the Forum – Appendix 1.

## **ITEM 8: Core Members Update**

### **MB**

- It has been a busy summer for the Scottish Boasting Alliance (SBA) and British Marine Federation Scotland trying to increase their influence on Government.
  - The Sail Clyde business development strategy was launched in August in Largs.
  - A parliamentary motion is currently being written on promoting marine leisure and recreation, it is not yet known when it will be discussed in parliament.
  - SBA with the help of BMF is carrying out an assessment of the economic worth of marine tourism.
- **AP Sept 08 7** – MB to send CP 100 copies of the Sail Clyde strategy.

## GP

- The contract for rebuilding Largs pier has been let to George Leslie at a cost of £6million. Work will start in Oct/Nov. There will be a public meeting held in Largs on 25<sup>th</sup> September and on 26<sup>th</sup> September in Millport Garison.
- A major strategic review of lifeline ferry services was recently launched by the Scottish Government.

## IJ

- AJSP&TC is in the process of transposition to the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Steering Group. Councils are in the process of discussing topics that they will focus on, one of which will be marine spatial planning.

## RH

- CP are involved with the 2009 River Festival.
- The sea plane continues and it is reported that it is doing well – it is often fully booked.
- Activity in the main ports is maintained despite the current economic climate.
- Cruise visits at Greenock continue.
- The QE2 will pay her last visit to \Greenock on the 5<sup>th</sup> October.
- There is some concern about the Scottish Marine Bill – particularly dredging control and areas not fully explained in the consultation.

## MC

- In conjunction with the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network GCVSPJC have produced a consultation on guidance for local authorities and others to carry out a qualitative assessment of their greenspace resource. The consultation will close in October for launch in the new year.

## EMA

- **Strathclyde Fire and Rescue** has submitted plans for a training centre on the south banks of the Clyde at the weir opposite Carmyle.
- **Clyde Gateway-Commonwealth Games Village.** Development brief prepared and notices in EJ have been posted.
- **Glasgow Green Boathouse** A review of the development brief and costs for the Glasgow Green Boat House for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is underway.
- **St Andrews Suspension Bridge** This facility is current subject of plans to improve lighting
- **Glasgow College of Nautical Studies** are advancing their plans for a new seamanship centre located immediately downstream of the current site. Incorporated within these *draft* plans are a pontoon and a boat launch pier. These plans are ahead of other interests which are looking at utilising the water for various uses.
- **Custom House Quay.** New plans for this quayside in the centre of the City is expected.
- **City Centre Pontoon and Kiosk.** These facilities are currently vacant and looking for an operator(s).
- **Broomielaw and Tradeston Quayside and Pedestrian Bridge.** Contract still on site and will be subject of completion in spring 2009. The structure for the bridge is emerging from the edge of Broomielaw Quay. The pontoon at this location is not operation until these works are complete.
- Hotel la Tour approved
- **Anderston and Lancefield Quay.** The application to upgrade this quayside is still outstanding.
- **Clyde Walkway at Lancefield Quay.** Following works to the property this walkway is now open.
- **Plantation Quay Pontoon.** Works are substantially complete and will be open for regular booking in October. Electricity is supplied with water supply to be connected. Book facility on line [www.glasgow.gov.uk/pontoon](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pontoon).
- **River Festival 2008.** The best yet. Weather was kind and the crowds came out. Over 2 days over 85,000 visitors came to the event.

- **SECC.** Work has started on the infrastructure for the new all seater arena.
- **Yorkhill Quay.** The Glenlee has cleared its hold of all ballast material and now has a wonderful space below decks. The Clyde Maritime Trust are seeking funds to interpret the ship and upgrade the facilities including heat exchangers as part of its planned move to Pointhouse Quay - opening in 2011. The complete enclosure of Yorkhill Quay west basin is complete.
- **Pointhouse Quay.** The new quay wall works at this location is largely complete and will be finished in 2009. The new transport museum is taking shape with the frame above ground visible. The internal work will begin in spring 2009. Lottery funding is dependent on public subscription. Since the launch in August 2008, public sponsorship fund has raised £1.6m.
- Initial design work has been completed for a slip on the west bank of the River Kelvin. This slip to be completed in 2010/2011 by the City Council.
- **Glasgow Harbour.** A new masterplan for retail and leisure development on the west bank of the Kelvin submitted September 2008. The previous masterplan application to the east and west bank has not been withdrawn. Meanwhile the road infrastructure work is completed and a new pedestrian bridge from Partick is open. Work has also started on a new quay wall on the east bank of the river Kelvin
- Phase 2 residential development is still progressing with work started on the second third of 5 towers.
- **Govan Action Plan.** Work on 2 residential sites have started. Public realm design guide is being prepared.
- **Pointhouse to Govan Ferry Feasibility Study by GCC.** This study is completed but proposal has still to be reported to Glasgow City Council
- **Yoker Renfrew Ferry Study by SPT.** This study is completed with a final decision being taken on the future investment in a new ferry being taking later this year.
- **River Clyde Bus Services – Glasgow and Argyll.** This study completed earlier this year but still has to be reported.
- **Clyde waterfront –** A study is underway to review the added benefits of this project.

#### ZC

- RSPB continue to input to the Scottish and UK Marine Bills.
- RSPB are continuing with their Marine Campaign supporting the Marine Bill.
- ZC gave a talk to Millport students on conservation on the Clyde.

#### RF

- see notes (Appendix II).

#### **ITEM 9: Any Other Business**

None

#### **ITEM 9: Next Meeting**

The November meeting will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> and as previously decided will be held in either the SPT offices in Glasgow if they are not being renovated or in the SNH Clydebank office.

- **AP Sept 08 8** – CP to circulate November meeting venue once confirmed.

Setting a date for the March meeting was discussed however it was decided to wait until a date has been confirmed for the SSMEI launch and any meetings which may be needed in the run up to this.

#### **Summary of September Action Points**

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