



**Firth of Clyde Forum Core Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010, SNH Clydebank**  
**Agenda**

	<u><b>Time</b></u>	<u><b>Lead</b></u>
Lunch	12:30	
1 <b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	13:00	Isabel Glasgow
2 <b>Minutes and Action Points from last meeting</b>	13:05	IG/All
3 <b>Presentation on River Basin Planning in the Clyde from Katronia Lundberg, SEPA</b>	13:20	
4 <b>Marine Plan update</b>	14:00	Kirstie Dyson
5 <b>Plan Adoption update</b>	14:05	IG / KD
6 <b>Action Plan – discussion on Project Brief</b>	14:10	KD / IB
7 <b>Legal Structure – agreement on new structure</b>	14:40	KD / IB
8 <b>Clyde breakers 2010 update</b>	15:05	KD
9 <b>Information Events &amp; Beach Cleans update</b> ➤ <b>Enquiry from Largs Academy</b>	15:10	KD
10 <b>Update from Core Group members</b>	15:20	All
11 <b>Any Other Business</b>	15:45	All
12 <b>Future Meeting Dates</b>	15:55	All
Close	16:00	

## Minutes of Core Group Meeting

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, SNH Clydebank.

### Present

Isabel Glasgow, IG  
 Ian Bray, IB  
 Kirstie Dyson, KD  
 Sarah Brown, SB  
 Rhona Fairgrieve, RF  
 Paul Bancks, PB  
 John Esslemont, JE  
 Ethal-May Abel, EMA  
 Roger Horne, RH

### Apologies

Zoe Clelland  
 Mark Steward  
 Archie MacFarlane  
 Mike Balmforth  
 David Adams-McGilp

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

- IG welcomes everyone to the meeting and introduces Katriona Lundberg (KL) (River Basin Management Planning coordinator for the Clyde catchment, SEPA) to the group.

### 2. Minutes and Action Points from last meeting

- Misspelling of David Adams-McGilp needs correcting
- Action Point AP28/01 1 has been revised to read “Set up links to other websites “
- After these amendments the minutes were accepted by the group

### Action points from last meeting

AP 21/04 1	Send final copy of plan to Core Group and return within 3 days	KD	Discharged
AP 21/04 2	Find recipients list of the Draft Plan	KD	Ongoing
AP 21/04 3	Construct letter to send to Local Authorities	KD/IB/IJ	Discharged
AP 21/04 4	Think of ways to engage your member to read and adopt the Plan	ALL	Discharged
AP 21/04 5	Find out possibility of R&T 1 being managed by DAM	MB	Discharged
AP 21/04 6	Possibilities of re-budgeting/planning to included ENV 3	KD/IB	Discharged
AP 21/04 7	Find contact for the Sustainable Glasgow article	EMA	Discharged
AP 21/04 8	Explore the idea of ‘24hrs of a beach’	KD (SB)	Discharged
AP 21/04 9	Contact Historic Scotland regarding wrecks event	KD	* Ongoing
AP 21/04 10	Link to Sail Tourism added to FoCF website	KD	Discharged
AP 28/01 1	Set up links to other websites	KD	Ongoing
AP 28/01 5	Update Terms of Reference for consideration at next meeting. Include MoU with GCVSDPA	KD	Discharged

\* Due to recruitment freeze within SNH a project assistant has not been appointed. The Work Plan has allocated hours for Information Events to the PA and PM has not had time to address this issue.

### 3. Presentation on River Basin Planning in the Clyde from Katriona Lundberg, SEPA

- General introduction to River Basin Planning – two plans for Scotland, 1) Solway Tweed and 2) Scotland. Underneath these sit District Plan's, then Area Management Plan, of which the Clyde is one. These Plans are then divided into two parts the 'Management Plan' and 'catchment summary'. The management Plan is on the SEPA website [http://www.sepa.org.uk/water/river\\_basin\\_planning/area\\_advisory\\_groups/cl\\_yde.aspx](http://www.sepa.org.uk/water/river_basin_planning/area_advisory_groups/cl_yde.aspx), the catchment summary will be available after Dec 2010.
- Other Plans in place to tackle other key pressures on River Basin systems are:
  1. *Diffuse Pollution* – SEPA are walking the length of rivers to assess potential breached in regulation. To date an average of 1 breach in Control Activity Regulation (CAR) has been detected for every Km.
  2. *Invasive non-native species* – this is not catchment related but targets are Scotland wide
  3. *Restoration Strategy* – looking at morphological changes to rivers (money can be obtained to remove manmade features from river through the restoration fund e.g. removal of disused weir)
- The current situation within the Clyde requires a lot of work to reach the targets of good or better for 96% of the catchment by 2027 – these targets have been set by expert judgement and include assessment of who is responsible to deliver improvement and the type of problem needing to be addressed. At present the Clyde has only 38% with the status of good or better.
- Main concerns within the Coastal waters are:
  - Urban diffuse pollution
  - Morphology
  - Dredging (both the action of dredging and spill heaps)
  - Trawling
  - Point source (ancient sewage system)
- Conclusion - The Core Group have set up a workshop (16<sup>th</sup> September) to look at the problems associated with the coastal and intertidal stretches and assess the synergies between River Basin Management Planning and the Firth of Clyde Marine Spatial Plan. The aim of the workshop will be to find and develop projects that meet the objectives of both plans.
  - AP: SEPA (KL) to email names of rivers within the intertidal/coastal stretches with associated catchment summaries, objectives, classification and measures.
  - AP: Organised workshop for 16<sup>th</sup> September

### 4. Marine Plan Update

- The Firth of Clyde Marine Spatial Plan (the Plan) was adopted by Marine Scotland on 28<sup>th</sup> July, after confirming that the appropriate assessment

appraisal was correct in the assumption that the Plan will not cause adverse effect to any Natura site.

- The Plan will be printed within the next couple of weeks and distributed.
- The contact list of original recipients of the draft Plan has not been recovered from the SSMEI files, however Kate Thompson has been contacted and will hopefully be able to offer some advice
- Hard copies of the Plan will be sent to Core Group Members and Local Authorities as a matter of priority

## **5. Plan Adoption Update**

- JE relayed the details of the meeting between the Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit, the FoCF and SNH. JE highlighted how the Plan could be used to deliver some of Ayrshire's objectives and suggested priority policies within the plan that Ayrshire would be able to help deliver. Action Points of the meeting are in Appendix 1
- IG explained Green Banking with the idea that this practice could be used in the production of offshore wind energy. JE explained the terrestrial scheme currently in place; energy companies give money to 'green schemes' per KW of energy produced, this money is accumulated over time to build up a capital reserve and the interest is used to fund environmental projects. PB told how the Crown Estate were already looking into this, along with many other ideas
- IG and KD have contacted the councils by letter, recipients included the Provost, Chief Executive and the member of the Core Group associated with planning in that Authority (JE, EMA, Mark Steward or Michelle Carroll).
- IG and KD are in the process of getting meetings with each Local Authority (LA) to promote the use of the Plan in LA planning protocol.

## **6. Action Plan – discussion on Project Brief**

- KD presented 4 policies that had been suggested by the core group these included ENV 1 data collection strategy, ENV 11 litter coordination, ENV 10 Seascape/Landscape survey and R&T 1 Socioeconomic report.

*ENV 1 data collection strategy* – Project brief was accepted with a few minor corrections, these were;

- Include accessibility of data into the Brief
- Write acronyms in full

*ENV 11 Litter coordination* - Discussion on the best way to advance this project

- KD to put together baseline data from Local Authorities, Marine Conservation Society (MCS) and other voluntary group (e.g. GRAB) to find out where beach cleans are taking place and what kind of litter is being found. This will help to identify the source of the majority of Marine Litter found in the Firth of Clyde
- Beaches where cleaning activities are taking place (both voluntary and by LA) to be plotted on a map.
- Beaches with highest levels of Marine Litter to be marked, this will/could be used at a later date to help coordinate litter picking activities.

- RF&PB suggested that Keep Scotland Tidy (KST) might already have this type of information.
  - AP: Contact KST to find out what data is held on the Firth of Clyde

#### *ENV 10 Seascape/Landscape survey*

- KD met with Krysia Campbell, seascape expert at SNH who was very excited about helping us put together a project brief and would investigate the possibility of SNH funding.
- RF thought that some money might be available from the Oil and Gas industry because they need to rethink their spill contingency plans after the BP disaster in the Gulf of Mexico.
  - AP: RF and KD to discuss possibility of Oil and Gas funding for seascape survey.

#### *R&T 1 Socioeconomic survey*

- Following on from the Sail and Power boat survey conducted by Scottish Enterprise to find the worth of the boating industry in Scotland. MB is putting together a follow up survey to look at the worth of the leisure boat industry in Scotland. He has asked the Forum if they would like to fund the Clyde section of the survey.
- Core Group were interested but needed to see the Project Brief

### **7. Legal Structure**

- The Legal structure document was circulated prior to the meeting and was accepted with minor alterations. These were to: 1) reorder section 2 to make the Forum's main role coordinating implementation of Marine Spatial Plan and ICZM, and 2) including Marine Scotland as a funder

### **8. Clydebreakers 2010 Update**

- This years addition of Clydebreakers has now been published and distributed to all our members
- Additional copies were available at the meeting for Core Group members. If additional copies are required please get in contact with KD.
- KD asked who Clydebreakers should be targeting, due to lack of time this was put on hold until the next meeting

### **9. Information Events & Beach Cleans**

- The second beach clean of the year has been organised for September with Clydesdale Bank.
- KD is taking part in the Irvine Bay Regeneration Bioblitz Event to promote the FoCF the theme we are covering is Beach Litter
- The Project Assistant post has been put on hold due to the recruitment freeze within SNH and therefore no progress has been made on the Information Events

### **10. Update from Core Group members**

RF: ● Local Coastal Partnership officers met at the end of July and all partnerships now know what is expected of them in return for Marine Scotland funding

PB: ● General interest – This year's winner of the Marine Business award is the Hebridean Seaweed Company ([www.hebrideanseaweed.co.uk](http://www.hebrideanseaweed.co.uk)). They sell powdered seaweed pellets as animal feed and are also doing research in conjunction with Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS).

➤ AP: KD to contact Hebridean Seaweed Company for an article for the next addition of Clydebreakers

RH: ● Greenock is the busiest it has been in the past last few years. There has been an increase in both shipping and cruise passengers. The feedback from both sectors has been positive. Lots of cargo coming in to Glasgow for the M74 extension plus wheat, animal feed, wind-farm components for the Upper Clyde Valley site, and coal at Hunterston for various power stations.

JE: ● Hunterston Power Station is still going through the Planning stages  
● The Biosphere project is progressing as planned

EMA: ● Two pontoons planned for the Inner Clyde at Govan Water and Yorkhill Quay, this is to increase the stops for the river bus that goes from the City Centre to Clydebank.  
● City slip to be in place by next year.

IG: ● Coast Net Conference on Marine Spatial Planning IG attended and found interesting, KD holds notes if anyone would like a copy.  
● The problems at Lamlash Bay have not been resolved and are still ongoing, however the brokering services that the FoCF provide will no longer be needed.

## 11. AOB

- Tom Appleby has been in contact with RF about the stakeholder engagement on Arran.

## 12. Next meeting

- To be decided using Doodle.

## Summary of Action Points

AP 4/08 1	SEPA (Katriona Lundberg) to email names of rivers within the intertidal/coastal stretches with associated catchment summaries, objectives, classification and	KD/KL
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	measures.	
AP 4/08 2	Organise workshop for 16th September	KD
AP 4/08 3	Contact Keep Scotland Tidy to find out what data is held on the Firth of Clyde	KD
AP 4/08 4	RF and KD to discuss possibility of Oil and Gas funding for seascape survey.	KD/RF
AP 4/08 5	Contact Hebridean Seaweed Company for an article for the next addition of Clydebreakers	KD
AP 21/04 2	Find recipients list of the Draft Plan	KD

## Appendix 1

### **Firth of Clyde Forum meeting with Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit**

8 July 2010 at SNH, Clydebank

#### **Present**

Kirstie Dyson – FoCF Project Manager  
 Isabel Glasgow – FoCF Chair  
 Ian Bray – SNH  
 John Esslemont - Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit  
 Nigel Wallace - Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit

The meeting was set up to establish initial contact between parties and begin to understand how the Firth of Clyde Marine Spatial Plan and the Joint Economic Regeneration Strategy (Ayrshire) can work together.

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

	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
1	Send ENV1 Project Brief to JE & NW for comment	KD
2	Find out cost for Seascape/landscape analysis (ENV10) – contact Krysia Campbell, SNH	KD
3	Initiate contact with Ayrshire council and facilitate discussions on marine litter (ENV11)	IG
4	Send group MCS report on marine litter	KD
5	Send JE and NW report of Sail tourism in Scotland	KD
6	Find out from Crown Estate what Environmental information is held in MaRS about the Firth of Clyde	KD
7	Find out if Off shore windfarm developers are contributing to some form of environmental off-setting (planning gain / green bank) – initially contact Erica Knott, SNH	KD
8	What marine/coastal data has been gathered for Hunterston power station development? – contact Dave Batty, SNH	KD
9	Find out if Ayrshire council has kept charge of Aquaculture licensing	JE