



Minutes of the CMPP Members' Meeting 30 January 2018

James Watt A meeting room, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, 10.00-16.00

Chair: Isabel Glasgow (IG)

Present: Voting Members

Alastair McNeill (AMcN), WCRIFG

Arthur Keller (AK), Scottish Natural Heritage

David Adams-McGilp (DAM), VisitScotland (for item 3 only)

Elaine Whyte (EW), Clyde Fishermen's Association (for items 3d onwards)

Graham Russell (GR), Royal Yachting Association Scotland

James Miller (JM), North Ayrshire Council (For items 3b onwards)

John Esslemont (JE), South Ayrshire Council

Mark Steward (MS) Argyll and Bute Council

Paul Chandler (PC), COAST (For items 3c onwards)

Rebecca Dean (RD), Scottish Salmon Company

Rhona Fairgrieve, Scottish Coastal Forum

Calum Duncan (CD), Scot Environment LINK

Derek Manson (DM), LLTNP

Klare Chamberlain (KC), CalMac

Sam King (SK), SSACN

Caroline Baxter (CB), Peel Ports ClydePort

Catherine Lambert (CL), Clydeplan

Present: Others

Lorraine Holdstock, Argyll and Bute Council

Peter Henderson (Board Member)

Brian Forrest (BF), Board Member

Crawford Paris, Uni. Of Edinburgh

Jake Ainscough, SAMS Research Services Limited

Peter Philips, Collingwood Environmental Planning (items before lunch only)

Fiona Mills (FM), CMPP

Sinead Sheridan (SS), CMPP

Apologies

Paul Bancks, Crown Estate

Simon Limb, British Marine Scotland

David Pratt, Marine Scotland

Wendy Geary, Marine Scotland

Morag Campbell, Marine Scotland

Zoë Clelland, RSPB

1. Welcome and apologies

IG welcomed all to the meeting and announced the apologies. Introductions were given round the table. IG noted with great sadness the sinking of the Nancy Glen in Loch Fyne, and that two of the three men on board had not yet been recovered. On behalf of the CMPP, IG passed on condolences to the families and friends of the men, as well as the local community.

IG gave a vote of thanks to Sarah Brown, who finished work in December. She noted that Sarah will be greatly missed by the team and in development of the plan as she provided expertise across a range of areas. On behalf of the CMPP IG wished Sarah well with her future career.

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
01/10/10/2017	Liaise with SEPA to sign the CMPP constitution.	FM. Ongoing
02/10/10/2017	Liaise with Marine Scotland on approval of the text of the agreement between public authorities and CMPP.	FM. Completed
03/10/10/2017	Once approved add the above text of the agreement to the website.	SS. Completed
04/10/10/2017	Circulate Assessment chapters with changed text to Members for approval via email.	SB. Completed
05/10/10/2017	Share fully designed PDF of the Assessment with Members for approval for publication via email.	SB. Completed
06/10/10/2017	Email Members notification of the date of the Aquaculture working group	SS. Completed

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	meeting and add any interested Members to the mailing list of this group.	
07/10/10/2017	When completed, circulate brief for socio-economic work to Members.	FM. Completed
08/10/10/2017	Circulate SPP to Members for approval via email.	SB. Completed
09/10/10/2017	Circulate NMP review survey, A&B MIR consultation information and the SSC proposal information to Members.	SS. Completed
10/10/10/2017	Share information on bird surveys on CMPP website to help recruit volunteers.	SS. Completed

3. Plan Development update:

IG noted that agenda items on policy development and the SA–SEA scoping report would be covered ahead of the item on the Assessment.

a) Policy Development

FM updated the Members on the numerous areas of policy development. This included:

- The Statement of Public Participation (SPP) has been agreed by Scottish Ministers and is on the website. FM noted thanks to the public authorities (and other Members who had done so) for publicising the SPP on their websites.
- Several issues have arisen which will delay the timing of the pre-consultation draft plan. Firstly, CMPP staff are under resourced with SB's post remaining vacant. In addition several Local Authorities have noted that summer is not a good time to run a consultation as many people are unavailable or away. Furthermore, some local authorities may struggle to get any decisions or information on the draft through committee in six weeks; eight weeks would be preferable. FM recommended the consultation on the pre-consultation draft be pushed back to October and run until November 2018 so that it runs for eight weeks. It is not anticipated that this would have an impact on delivery of the Regional Marine Plan by March 2020. Members agreed to this suggestion.
- The second meeting on the shipping and transport working group will take place on the 2nd February. Discussions aim to result in draft policy. All draft policy will be circulated to Members for comment as the pre-consultation draft is compiled.
- On the fisheries working group, the CMPP will liaise with existing organisations in place for fisheries management and coordination, namely the West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group (WCRIFG) Clyde sub-committee. The workshop will be open to other Members of the CMPP.
- With regard to the sport, recreation and tourism working group and the mobile species workshop, SNH have provided staff time from two members of staff with relevant skills in each area to assist with organising these. Planning for these, as well as marine litter, will take place over the coming weeks with the aim of holding the meetings during the period from the end of March to the end of May.
- FM will be attending the Sniffer conference on sea-level rise and coastal change and this will inform whether it is necessary to organise a Clyde specific event to inform and develop draft policy on this issue.
- The team do not now propose to hold a workshop on invasive and non-native species. A large amount of work has been done on this area by the Firth of Clyde Forum and the CMPP in the past and it will be possible to draft policy on this without calling a meeting, but rather discussing over email where necessary. RF suggested that it would be worth making contact with Lorna King in Marine Scotland who works on INNS.
- IG emphasised that working group meetings and workshops are open to Members to attend and it is important and helpful for Members to attend where issues that relate or overlap with their own organisational areas, interest and jurisdiction are likely to be discussed.

- AK noted, on the vacant post, SNH will begin the recruitment process as soon as funding is confirmed from Marine Scotland for the 2018/2019 financial year. IG thanked SNH for their efforts with this and for continuing to host the CMPP staff.
- The brief for the Socio-economic opportunities report has been finalised however the initial funding proposed for this project is no longer available. FM asked if any Members would be able to contribute to this project. JE noted that South Ayrshire Council would be able to make a small contribution to this and be involved in the steering group. MS also noted that the Argyll and Bute Financial Development Team could be approached to see if the council was able to contribute anything.
- The team has prepared a template for the pre-consultation draft plan. This is a blank framework document, which has some designed elements that can be populated with draft text as this is developed. The intention behind this template is to reduce any time delays faced with having the final document designed. Several Members gave positive feedback on the approach taken and look of the template. GR suggested that as a first step, it would be useful to add National Marine Plan policy to the template to help guide the drafting of regional marine plan policy. It would also be worth looking back to the SSMEI plan and adding anything relevant and useful from that as well.

b) Sustainability Appraisal including Strategic Environmental Assessment scoping report

SS updated Members on the progress with the drafting of the scoping report for the SA-SEA. She noted that staff had taken guidance from Marine Scotland and Scottish Natural Heritage on the draft, as well as looking to the scoping reports for the National Marine Plan, Shetland Islands and Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters Marine Spatial Plans. The draft is currently with Marine Scotland and Scottish Natural Heritage for further comment. Members agreed that they would like to see the scoping report before its submitted to the SEA Gateway.

Action (1) – SS to share Scoping report with Members for review

c) Assessment

IG remarked that the final designed Assessment has been completed and the intention is for the document to now be published. She thanked the Members who have spent a lot of time reviewing the content and the staff for the work they have put into reaching this milestone stage of the marine plan.

It is important to note that as the marine planning process moves forward, there will be opportunity to add to the baseline information in the Assessment. Any additional or new information can be taken into account through the sectoral working groups, issues based workshops and during consultation phases. In essence this is a live document and further information will be taken into account in the draft plan. However, the Assessment itself will not be changed or updated until the plan is reviewed. Members noted that it would be useful to make this clear on the website where the Assessment is published.

CD noted that Scottish Environment LINK requested a final check of the Assessment by the Marine Alliance for Science and Technology in Scotland (MASTS) Marine Planning and Governance Forum, but accepted the need to move on with the process without this. Similarly, PC noted that the Community of Arran Seabed Trust would have preferred for the document to have undergone a final review from the Clyde 2020 Research Advisory Group and MASTS Forum but considering that more references and source material had been added to the text the organisation were satisfied with this and agreed that the process needs to move on. FM noted that Sarah Brown had worked with Marine Scotland Science on the end stage comments made on chapters 5.2-5.4 of the Assessment. Members agreed for the Assessment to be published.

d) Public engagement and communications

Public dialogue project

Collingwood Environmental Planning, in partnership with the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) Research Limited was commissioned by the CMPP to undertake a series of 'public dialogue' workshops in Tarbert and Greenock. The aim of this work was to involve members of the public with marine planning in an innovative and compelling way to develop insights which would improve the policy making process for the regional marine plan. Peter Philips and Jake Ainscough gave a presentation outlining the aims of the project, approach and methodology and results of the workshops. In summary the results showed that overall, when presented with different options – including blue growth, environmental protection and community empowerment - for prioritisation within the plan, participants selected blue growth overall. It was noted that participants strongly resisted having to choose one option; and several refinements to this option were suggested to include aspects of the other alternatives, so that by the end of the discussion the blue growth alternative selected was essentially presenting sustainable development as the preferred option.

Members discussed the project and raised some points in relation to it:

- In reality, some of the trade-offs presented in this process may not necessarily be available.
- It is difficult to properly inform people of wider benefits of ecosystem services over the short period of time of the workshops.
- By the end of the process people were incredibly engaged with marine planning and eager to know more.

Streamline and schools engagement

The University of Edinburgh was contracted to deliver the schools engagement work utilising the *Streamline* approach and the MSP Challenge board game. The aim of the project was to engage school pupils with marine planning and help them to articulate their vision of the Clyde in coming decades. Crawford Paris presented an overview of this work, noting that amongst the schools worked with on this project, there was a great appetite to be engaged in marine planning. The project involved Marr College Troon, Lochgilphead High School and Arran High School. The students were aged between 14 and 17 and Geography classes were approached due to the link with the curriculum.

The Streamline method is a group interview technique which utilises a series of illustrated A3 canvasses to examine the participants' points of view and opinions across a range of issues. Participants answer using graphic tiles, providing an open format allowing a broad range of views to be captured. The MSP Challenge game was also used to help develop an understanding of the different challenges faced in marine planning. The key findings highlighted that there is a clear difference between each geographic area and that there is a need for different types of engagement. The results from Troon highlighted it was a priority to have an accessible and attractive shoreline. The participants were generally against wind and fish farm developments and were happy to live near the sea but were not necessarily driven to earn a living from it. On Arran having an accessible shoreline was also a priority and responses showed there was a strong community focus, for example having jobs for local people and locally available things to do such as snorkel trails and local walks. They were generally against tourism from cruise liners, further fish farm developments and a productive shoreline with lots of industry. In Lochgilphead the responses showed that access to immediate and adjacent shorelines was important. There was also a strong community and environmental focus. The responses were against cruise liners but were uncertain about fish farms and having a productive coastline with lots of industry.

The Members had a discussion about the work:

- Both engagement tools highlight there is an amazing appetite for knowledge of the Clyde marine environment and to be involved in marine planning.
- The Argyll and Bute workforce development team are working with schools to encourage pupils to develop careers in tourism and hospitality. This would address many of the issues raised, such as improving local job opportunities for local people.

The reports for both projects would be added to the website once they had been finalised.

Action (2) – SS to add presentations from PP, JA and CP to Members area of the website

e) Clyde 2020 sub-group update

FM gave an update on work ongoing under the Clyde 2020 project. She noted that there was positive news coming through from Clyde2020. The proposal to apply for FLAG funding for Scallop stock assessment for the Clyde was progressing. Mike Heath (Chair of the Clyde 2020 Research Advisory Group) has been working with the CFA and the West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group. The Expression of Interest will be submitted by the end of March. The bid will be for approximately £300,000.

On the Clydemap project, more discussion needs to take place with the West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group and fishermen about whether it is worth developing another project on this, or if other projects already in place, such as some of the [SIFIDS](#) work, can be utilised. It was suggested that SIFIDs should be included on the working group for this project, so that the aims and outcomes can be shared to shape any work done on the Clydemap project. Clyde 2020 members will also need to be involved in this decision. FM will keep Members updated with progress on this via email.

Clarification was sought on the process for the fisheries working group that would be established for plan development. FM explained that the staff are liaising with the WCRIFG Clyde sub. The process would replicate that done for the other working groups while linking with existing mechanisms which are already in place within the sector. As IG noted earlier, these meetings are open to Members. MS suggested it would be helpful if a calendar of events could be added to the Members area, to help keep up-to-date with the various meetings.

Action (3) – SS to create calendar of events for Members area and keep up-to-date with upcoming meetings

On the layman's guide project, the first event has been held in Ardrossan. The other event, planned to take place in Tarbert has been postponed due to the Nancy Glen sinking; a new date is to be set for this event. FM showed the current draft of the second animation. Members gave positive feedback on the animation. EW noted that there should be clarification between 'zero fish' and 'zero quota' and that behaviour of cod moving up the water column should be included. Changes to the guide and animations will be made as a result of feedback from the public workshops. Once the public sessions have been held the final versions will be circulated to Clyde 2020 and CMPP Members.

4. Members' updates

Argyll and Bute Council – With regards to progress on Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2), consultation on the Main Issues Report finished towards end of December; over 800 responses were received. The consultation included a question on marine industries, focussing on growing these in Argyll and Bute, this was well responded to but more analysis is required on the responses. There was also a question on the creation of a new Marine and Coastal National Park. Work on the development of LDP2 will be taken forward over summer and it has been proposed that there will be

a consultation on the LDP2 towards the end of next year. MS noted that this would be his last meeting as he was leaving his current post to join the aquaculture industry. The Council would continue engagement with the CMPP and Marine Scotland in the planning process and LH would be taking over as the Council's representative on the CMPP. IG thanked MS for his work with the CMPP and the Firth of Clyde Forum preceding this.

North Ayrshire Council - The proposed LDP2 goes to committee in April and it is hopeful that the proposed plan will have the support of the local community. Several meetings have taken place with Peel Ports Clydeport on future options for Hunterston. The next stage will be to consider how to bring forward proposals and master plan. The Ayrshire Growth Deal was not included in the Chancellor's budget statement pre-Christmas, however the Council is still keen to support this and is continuing work with partners on this. The Council's tourism action plan has been finalised and is available to read here - <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/news/Council-targets-tourism-boost-for-North-Ayrshire.aspx>.

West Coast Inshore Fisheries Group – Much of the Clyde relevant work under the IFG has already been covered under the Clyde 2020 project update. In other developments, a proposal for an increase in minimum landing size in prawn tails has been put forward by CFA. This is now with Marine Scotland for consideration and will hopefully receive a positive response.

Clyde Fishermen's Association - The CFA and the Clyde Fishermen's Trust have been running fundraising campaigns to recover the Nancy Glen. Negotiations in December on fisheries quotas and Total Allowable Catch resulted in a poor prawn quota for the West of Scotland, at this stage the CFA is unsure why. The CFA are due to start science trials in March with the University of St Andrews, and is building on work done on previous years. The CFA continues to cooperate with Norway, focussing on comparative management of ground fish.

South Ayrshire Council – LDP2 will be published in Autumn. Work has begun looking into developing Ayr port to tie in freight transport with the Spaceport. An Ailsa Craig interpretation centre in Girvan (working with the RSPB) is currently being developed. Other tourism developments working on the coastal route which extends both south and north are ongoing. There has been a further boost to the region with the growth biofuels plan in Girvan – this is manufactured by processing timber, which is brought in by sea. It was also noted that a debate has been put to Holyrood and Westminster regarding potential future oil extraction of reserves in the Clyde. Further consideration is being made to seismic data that was collected in the 1970's and 1980's.

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park (LLTNP) – DM noted that LLTNP Partnership Plan had gained approval just before Christmas.

Scottish Sea Anglers Conservation Network (SSACN) – SSACN has been undergoing a change in trustees recently, with some stepping down from the organisation. SSACN is also continuing to grow educational outreach and has recently started working with Dolphin House Outdoor Education centre to introduce sea angling into their activities with school children.

Clydeplan – The Strategic Development Plan was adopted in the summer. The Planning (Scotland) Bill came out in December. This is looking at removing strategic development planning from the Scottish planning system. Clydeplan is working with the Scottish government on developments around this at the moment.

Peel Ports ClydePort – The organisation is working closely with North Ayrshire Council on the reutilisation of the site. A contractor has been employed to remove the old coal handling equipment.

Peel Ports has a dedicated team working on getting a new operator on that site. The organisation is working with Inverclyde Council on the extension to the Greenock docks, including an extra berth for cruise ships and a reception building for passengers. On other developments, Peel Ports is liaising with Renfrewshire Council on the road bridge near Glasgow Airport and with Glasgow City Council on the footbridge between Govan and Partick.

Scottish Environment LINK– The Save Scottish Seas partnership will be running for another 18 months. Regarding Clyde issues, the organisation will be engaging with the next tranche of MPA management measures, which will be coming up over the summer. 2018 is the year of young people and this will be a focus of the Sea Scotland conference in Fife; there will be input from Young Scot into this. From a Marine Conservation Society perspective, the organisation has been very active on litter and ocean plastics. MCS has been working with Marine Scotland, sharing data from Arrochar, contributing to work on the marine litter sink there. This work is also involving the Community Council and Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. Hopefully the project will develop a solution for Arrochar that can be replicated elsewhere. The Seasearch project work on citizen science around collecting more Priority Marine Features records is ongoing, as well as outreach work with schools.

Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) – The refurbishment of the tennis pavilion is near completion in Lamlash. This will be set up as a marine education and activities hub. COAST have recently held a meeting there with SNH to discuss effective MPA management and monitoring, incorporating citizen science. Research with the Universities of Glasgow and York is ongoing with various projects including a repeat of the scallop assessment. This year is the 10th anniversary of the No Take Zone and COAST is aiming to open the new marine hub on June the 8th which is World Oceans Day. Education and outreach projects are continuing with schools. Throughout October and November, much of COAST's time was occupied working on the proposed salmon farm expansion in the MPA and getting community responses on that; around 160 responses were submitted. COAST is also involved with the Sustainable Arran initiative. Initial discussions to come out of this is to create a straw free Arran; driven by Sunnyside School, engaging Arran schools and businesses to lead on it locally.

Royal Yachting Association Scotland – The organisation has recently been involved in the consultations on the various bridge developments over the Clyde.

CalMac – The current Managing Director of CalMac, Martin Dorchester, is leaving at the end of March, the post has not been filled yet. The Glen Sannox, a Liquid Natural Gas hybrid vessel which will be operating on the Arran route has been launched. The vessel will start operating in mid-2019. CalMac have also adopted the 'nae straw at aw' campaign to stop the use of single use plastic straws on their vessels. It is an effective and simple campaign. KC called others to consider backing it as well. CalMac has initiated citizen science project working in partnership with JNCC, SNH others. The project called the CalMac Ferries Awareness Programme and is focussed on using the vessels to monitor marine mammals and birds. KC welcomed suggestions for any other partners to be involved. This project will be officially launching at the end of March.

The Scottish Salmon Company – Generally speaking, industry wide and also specifically for the company, RD noted that the Clyde region continues to be an excellent area to support salmon farming both economically and environmentally and the organisation will continue to pursue opportunities for new sites and expansion in the region.

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) – SNH will be producing a series of Natura plans for each of the Special Area of Conservation sites over the next year or so. Whilst the UK is leaving Europe, SNH is

still under obligation to deliver these. AK also noted that recruitment would begin for Sarah’s post once funding had been confirmed from Marine Scotland.

Scottish Coastal Forum – Work has been ongoing with the EU funded SIMCelt project. Tomorrow there will be a session of the digital MSP Challenge game. The game will also be handed over from the developers to Marine Scotland. The final SIMCelt report on stakeholder engagement is to be completed by the end of February.

Marine Scotland (update given by RF) – There have been recent changes in personal within the Planning and Policy team at Marine Scotland. Wendy Geary has transferred to the Renewables team. The new deputy Director Helena Gray, has also started in post. Lorna King has responsibility for invasive and non-native species and Morag Campbell is now working full-time on marine litter. The review of the National Marine Plan will be written up by the end of March. This report will form part of the evidence to the Minister.

IG noted that AOB and DONM would be taken ahead of Developing the vision, aims, and objectives for the CRMP.

5. AOB

In regards to managing conversations and discussion over email between Members, IG noted that if Members have an issue or disagreement with another Member organisation, this should be raised through the staff who can then either facilitate a meeting or discussion to resolve any issues. This should be the mechanism for resolving disagreements rather than opening this discussion up over emails with the entire group. Members agreed with this approach.

IG noted that the next meeting in March would also be an Annual Members Meeting (AMM). She added that her term as Chair comes to an end in March, however she would like to put herself forward for nomination for the next period as Chair. There will be an election for the position of Chair at the AMM. There will also be confirmation of permanent Board positions and election for non-permanent Board positions. Full details of this will be circulated to Members by staff, so that the process and procedures for nomination are clear to everyone.

Action (4) – FM to email process for Annual Members Meeting to Members

6. DONM

It was noted that the proposed date for the 21st June Members meeting clashes with the Sea Scotland conference. The date for this meeting was changed to the 18th June.

7. Developing the Vision, Aims and Objectives for the CRMP – Facilitated session

FM and SS facilitated a session between Members discussing the potential vision, aims and objectives for the Clyde Regional Marine Plan. The group looked at existing examples and discussed what was appropriate and relevant to guide the development of this for the CRMP. Members agreed that based on the discussion in the session, staff would draft text on the vision and aims. A small group of Members volunteered to look at this initially and then the draft would be circulated to all Members. This included Lorraine Holdstock, Alastair McNeill, Calum Duncan, Paul Chandler, Rebecca Dean, Caroline Baxter and Graham Russell. Ultimately this would be included in the pre-consultation draft template and would go out for consultation with the rest of the draft plan at the pre-consultation stage.

8. Summary of action points

Reference	Summary	Lead
01/30/01/2018	Share Sustainability Appraisal including Strategic Environmental	SS

Reference	Summary	Lead
	Assessment Scoping Report with Members for feedback.	
02/30/01/2018	Add presentations from PP, JA and CP to Members area of the website	SS
03/30/01/2018	Create calendar of events for Members area and keep up to date with upcoming meetings	SS
04/30/01/2018	Email process for Annual Members Meeting to Members	FM

Summary of discussion points agreed

- Members agreed to delay the consultation on the pre-consultation draft and extend it by eight weeks so that it will now run from October-November 2018.
- Members agreed that they would like to see the scoping report before its submitted to the gateway.
- Members agreed for the Assessment to be published
- Members agreed to raise disagreements or issues with other Members via staff, rather than open discussion over group emails.