



**Minutes of the CMPP Members' Meeting
28th March 2018**

Clydeplan Office, 125 West Regent Street, Glasgow, G2 2SD

Chair: Isabel Glasgow (IG)

Present: Voting Members

Alastair McNeill (AMN), WCRIFG (also Board Member)
 Alex MacFie (AMF), Field Studies Council
 Calum Duncan (CD), Scottish Environment LINK
 Catherine Lambert (CaL), Clydeplan
 Chris Leakey (ChL), SNH
 Elaine Whyte (EW), CFA (also Board Member)
 Graham Russell (GR), RYA Scotland
 Jan Brooke (JB), Clydeport Operations Ltd., SHA
 John Esslemont (JE), South Ayrshire Council
 Lorraine Holdstock (LH), Argyll and Bute Council
 Paul Chandler (PC), COAST
 Rebecca Dean (RD), The Scottish Salmon Company
 James Miller (JM), North Ayrshire Council
 Willie Kennedy (WK), SSACN

Presents: Others

Howard Wood (HW), Board Member
 Peter Henderson (PH), Board Member
 Helen Downie (HD), Marine Scotland (from item 4 onwards)
 Fiona Mills, CMPP staff
 Sinéad Sheridan, CMPP staff

Apologies

Brian Forrest, Clydeport Operations Ltd., SHA
 David Pratt, Marine Scotland
 Derek Manson, LLTNP
 Klare Chamberlain, CalMac
 Paul Bancks, Crown Estate Scotland
 Rhona Fairgrieve, Scottish Coastal Forum
 Simon Limb, British Marine Federation
 Zoe Clelland, RSPB

1. Welcome and apologies

As noted in the Annual Members' Meeting which took place prior to this meeting.

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
01/30/01/2018	Share Sustainability Appraisal including Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report with Members for feedback.	SS. Ongoing.
02/30/01/2018	Add presentations from PP, JA and CP to Members area of the website	SS. Complete
03/30/01/2018	Create calendar of events for Members area and keep up to date with upcoming meetings	SS. Complete
04/30/01/2018	Email process for Annual Members Meeting to Members	FM. Complete

3. Plan Development update:

a) Policy Development

Sectoral workshops: The second meeting of the *shipping and transport* working group was held on the 2nd February to discuss draft policy and sectoral objectives. Once the working group has had a chance to comment on a draft for this section of the Plan it will be shared with Members. The first meeting of the *fisheries* working group was held on 22nd March. The second meeting of the

aquaculture working group will take place towards the end of April. A meeting for the sport, recreation and tourism working group is being organised with support from SNH resource. This will involve the main professional and national organisations; smaller local clubs will be brought into the plan process through the public consultation process.

Issues workshops: the workshops on *mobile species including birds and noise* and *marine litter* will take place during April-June.

Socio-Economic opportunities report: thanks go to those organisations which have provided funding for this work – Marine Scotland, South Ayrshire Council, North Ayrshire Council and Peel Ports Clydeport. North Ayrshire Council staff have provided support for this project and will manage procurement. Hopefully it should be a fairly speedy process as it is a desk-based research and will need to be available in time to be taken into account for policy development.

Draft aims and guiding principles: thanks go to those involved in the small group who gave initial feedback and comment. Members made the following comments for further improvements:

- The first paragraph of the aims can be tightened up.
- The order of the aims should be changed to have sustainable development first (whilst acknowledging that there is no ranking of importance to the aims).
- Include Crown Estate Scotland in the list of consenting authorities. There are many more consents and authorisations required by certain developments/activities and they cannot all be listed here (e.g. LA, SEPA CAR, SNH). There is a general move to keep Plans concise. FM to ask Marine Scotland if it is possible to hold a central list of all nationally relevant consents and authorisations which can be referenced in all regional marine plans.
- Page 2 should also state that activities not subject to consents should be undertaken in accordance with this Plan.
- After discussion, it was agreed that 'Maintain, and where appropriate, enhance the health of the Clyde Marine Region' should remain unchanged as it reflects the wording of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.

Clarification was also sought on how the SSMEI guiding principles had been taken into account. FM confirmed that 'Responsible Use' had been incorporated into 'GP 4: Multiple responsible use of marine space' and that 'Partnership Working' was included within 'GP2: Ecosystem Approach'.

b) Sustainability Appraisal including Strategic Environmental Assessment scoping report

Staff have received further feedback on the draft scoping report from SNH and are awaiting comments from Marine Scotland. Once this feedback has been taken into account, the draft will be circulated to Members for comment.

c) Public engagement and communications

In February, the CMPP ran four MSP Challenge events in Portavadie, Rothesay, Clydebank and Glasgow with the aim of improving the understanding of marine planning with members of the public. Attendance was quite low with 21 people attending in total, however overall participants found the events useful and feedback was very favourable. Members would be keen to participate the Digital game session potentially after the June meeting.

Staff are currently undertaking an audit of stakeholder contact databases in preparation for the New General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that is coming into force on the 25th May. This will require people to give their consent for their details to be held by the CMPP, for example on the newsletter mailing list. It is anticipated that this may cause a drop in the numbers on the newsletter mailing list, which currently has 878 subscribers.

d) *Clyde 2020 sub-group update*

Layman's guide: it was agreed to run a second workshop in Campbeltown in April which would hopefully attract interest from the fishers.

Scallop stock assessment: EW updated Members that it is now proposed to submit an application to central EMFF funding under the innovation initiative to support development of a scallop stock assessment for the Clyde Marine Region. The local FLAG funding only provides 60% funding and it is not considered possible to raise the further 40% from other sources, even taking into account in-kind support from scallop fishing boats. This will be a joint project between the CFA, WCRIFG, CMPP and universities (Strathclyde leading) and will look at establishing a local area management scheme for the scallop fishery in the Firth of Clyde based on sound principles of stock and environmental conservation. The project will comprise four main aims: a) assessments of historical changes in state of the stocks and the commercial landings by the various sectors of the fleet leading up to the present, b) development of a protocol for gathering the data required for regular updates of the assessments into the future, c) recommendations for management measures to conserve the stocks and maximise their productivity and protect the environment, d) recommendations for the establishment of a stakeholder led group to oversee the stock and environmental management of the fishery in partnership with the national authorities (Marine Scotland). The project is expected to require two years to achieve its goals and is anticipated to require a budget of approximately £300,000.

EW will be preparing the bid over the next few weeks, supported by Mike Heath from Strathclyde University/Clyde 2020 RAG.

There was discussion around the status of the ClydeMap project. The proposal is not to go ahead with this as the Cabinet Secretary and Marine Scotland are aiming to put tracking of all commercial fishing vessels in place. FM has explored the possibility of being involved with the SIFIDS project under Work Package 6, however resource is not available to populate the database with Clyde-specific data sources. EW updated Members that CFA has been working with Marine Scotland to trial the Anchor Lab fisheries data collection system. CFA advocates tracking and improved accountability. Stakeholders should be aware, though, that for this round of marine plan development, the ScotMap fishing data on NMPI for the Clyde is not as accurate as it could be.

Action (1) - FM to update Clyde 2020 Steering Group and RAG about progress on the projects discussed at the last C2020 meeting in November

Action (2) - SS to circulate the IFG newsletter to Members which contains an update on the SIFIDS project

4. Members' updates

Clydeport Operations Ltd. - Beneficial use of dredged material: a meeting will be held with SNH on 19th April. Any organisations from the CMPP which are interested in attending this meeting should get in touch.

Salinity in the Clyde: there will be an in-house/student project in partnership with SEPA and SAMS to look into salinity patterns in the Clyde. The overall objective is to identify areas where low salinity (e.g. due to freshwater input) can be used to deal with severe boat hull fouling and would contribute to INNS management.

Water Framework Directive compliance: working with SNH and SEPA to collect classification data and look to see if dredging and disposal is affecting the status of any water bodies. The objective is to create more flexibility in the licensing process for maintenance dredging at levels where it can be generally demonstrated to have no impact on water body status.

Argyll and Bute Council - The marine industries infrastructure audit is to be undertaken, as included in the Main Issues Report, to identify infrastructure needs of the marine sector. The planning team are analysing responses to the Main Issues Report.

The Scottish Salmon Company - The industry and the company have undertaken several socio-economic studies which may be useful for the CMR socio-economic opportunities report.

Action (3) - RD to forward socio-economic studies to FM

The industry and the company are actively progressing opportunities for new sites or development of existing sites. Consultation with local groups and communities engaging in pre-application is ongoing. Some groups engage with this and others don't.

Royal Yachting Association Scotland - Attended Marine Scotland scoping workshop for an offshore wind energy plan. This is being co-ordinated with Crown Estate Scotland new round of leasing sites. Forth and Clyde canal is closed to through navigation due to two bridges being inoperable. Working with Sport Scotland to raise the profile of shore based infrastructure supporting marine recreation. If Members are aware of any case where a club has lost premises or infrastructure due to leasing or development, please get in touch. Attended a meeting with WCRIFG and Peel Ports to discuss issues for recreational sailors where creel buoy marking is inadequate – update in WCRIFG section below.

Scottish Natural Heritage - Recruitment to replace SB. Now that Marine Scotland funding has been confirmed, SNH will progress recruitment to replace Sarah Brown. The proposal is to restructure the team to provide additional resource. Sea Scotland Conference will take place 20th and 21st June in Fife.

Action (4) - SS to circulate Sea Scotland information

South Ayrshire Council - The Ayrshire shoreline management plan is out for consultation and this closes on 13th April. The Council is bidding for the Coastal Communities Fund. They have also launched the Ambition Plan to help start-up businesses in rural areas, which is particularly applicable to coastal areas. The Council is aiming to stop the use of single use plastics by next year. There is an investor currently looking at tidal energy opportunities in the Clyde.

Clyde Fishermen's Association - The CFA is working with KIMO to increase the number of skips and the number of local ports involved in the project. They are also working on a recycling initiative for the blue gloves that are often found in marine litter. They are currently putting in applications to EMFF for 6 projects. They are engaging with Local Authorities through a range of meetings with both CFA and CIFA around the country. They have been on a range of fact finding trips to Norway and Iceland to get more ideas on how fisheries and communities work together and to feed into the future fisheries bill. There are many heritage and science outreach projects in the pipeline, including a mobile bus. They are working with St Andrews University on finfish assessments.

Community of Arran Seabed Trust - The marine activity and learning centre in Lamlash is planned for opening on the Oceans Day 8th June if all outside refurbishment work is complete. There is a 5

year plan to build a large marine discovery centre with an architectural competition ongoing. They are working with Peter Jones of UCL, a renowned expert on global MPA governance – an MSc student will be interviewing stakeholders and COAST would welcome input from CMPP Members. Celine Longden is the student and she may be contacting members directly. They are investigating an ongoing suspected incursion of the No Take Zone. Sunnyside School has met with the Community Council to encourage Arran to be single use plastic free. COAST is supporting Arran's Think About Plastic which supports the Surfers against Sewage plastic free beaches initiative. There will be 2 fulltime post-MSc volunteers for 4 months working with COAST over the summer. They have applied for funding for scallop and crustacean research funding in the MPA and NTZ during the 10th anniversary year of the NTZ. COAST are applying for longer term protected area management and monitoring funding. There is a SeaSearch course on Arran taking place on 21st and 22nd April for divers and snorkellers. The NTZ and MPA will be on Escape to the Country and they are in early discussions with the BBC about Springwatch on Arran.

North Ayrshire Council - LDP will go to full Council on 17th April. The planning applications for Hunterston will be going to the Planning Committee on 25th April – there has been representation on this which will be heard at the meeting.

Scottish Environment LINK – Sea Scotland is taking place on 21st/22nd June. Scottish Environment LINK is preparing for the upcoming tranche of MPA management work and welcomes news that the next 4 NCMPAs will be consulted on this year, rather than next year. They are involved in work to consider protection of Priority Marine Features outside MPAs. SEL have been involved in work to enshrine environmental principles in Scotland's Continuity Bill. They are considering the implications of the decision not to redraft the National Marine Plan at this point. The Marine Conservation Society has been very active on plastics for many years and it is good news that other initiatives are gaining momentum. This year will be 25 years of the Great British Beach Clean. Today a Deposit Return Scheme has been announced for England, following Scotland's lead. At Arrochar, a Task Force is being led by Bill Turrell and MCS will be involved with that and Seasearch may also be involved.

Clydeplan - Clydeplan have a watching brief on progress of the planning Bill. Stuart Tait gave evidence to the committee at the beginning of March. There was a challenge to the SDP through Court of Session which has been dismissed; the Plan still stands as approved by Scottish Ministers.

Scottish Sea Anglers Conservation Network - A report will soon be available which confirms the areas of focus for SSACN going forward. They are also looking for funding opportunities. The outreach programme is continuing throughout the year on a limited basis as it is now run by volunteers.

Action (5) - WK to forward SSACN report once available to SS for circulation to Members

West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group - The Clyde scallop stock assessment has already been discussed under Clyde 2020. Other work on scallop stock management is happening elsewhere and is pending input from Marine Scotland. The regional IFG newsletter came out earlier this week and is available on the IFG website. A meeting has been held between RYAS, CFA, WCRIFG and Clydeport Operations Ltd to discuss creel buoy marking. The issue may be mainly caused by unregistered fishing vessels. Marine Scotland consulted on this issue 2-3 years ago and hoped to have legislation in place by now for the marking of buoys, including by non-commercial vessels. The group decided to see details of the legislation. At that stage, if the issue remains unresolved, there may be further work on this for the Clyde. It was a useful meeting that helped consider the issue from different perspectives.

Field Studies Council - FSC have made use of a disused building to set up an observation station for marine mammals in partnership with the Clyde Marine Mammal Project. FSC do not use single use plastic items and take every effort to be environmentally friendly, with a sustainable message throughout the business. They would welcome the use of their facilities for any meetings the CMPP may wish to hold. They would be keen to be involved in the CalMac marine mammal survey initiative.

It was suggested that the CMPP should publicise the initiatives from around the area on marine litter, in particular plastics.

Action (6) - SS to include marine litter – plastics in next newsletter

5. EMFF funding update

Staff would like to apply to central EMFF funding for the 'Clyde-wide' project to deliver public engagement around the Clyde. This would enable the public to be more involved in the development of the marine plan.

Staff would also like to apply for central EMFF funding for work on GIS cumulative effects which would contribute to the SA/SEA. This would be a separate application.

Discussion mostly centred on the GIS proposal:

- Need to ensure that timing of the work on GIS coincides with timing of plan development and SA-SEA.
- For information, there was recently a discussion in the Scottish Parliament around the future of EMFF funding post Brexit. There may be a change to the allocation of funding which would see Wales and Scotland miss out on the levels of funding they have received until now.
- Public engagement is absolutely critical. Cumulative effects mapping seems more fundamental. Hopefully we can do both.
- It was agreed that the GIS work was probably not suitable for a consultancy as it involves a certain amount of research. It would be worth involving a University at this stage so that they can input to the specification for project application.

Members agreed to pursue both bids.

Action (7) - FM to put application in for 'Clyde-wide' project and develop GIS proposal in conjunction with SNH, Marine Scotland, Scottish Environment LINK, COAST and University contacts.

Action (8) - PC to confirm potential University contacts for GIS work to FM.

6. Lessons learned report to Marine Scotland

Marine Scotland has issued a template to Clyde and Shetland to capture lessons learned mainly on Governance and the Assessment. This will ensure that our experience can be taken into account for future Marine Planning Partnerships. Members agreed to the following amendments to the draft:

- At the end of each section, insert a summary box highlighting 'what worked well' and 'what could have been done better'.
- Size of delegate –would be worth indicating the usual attendance numbers at meetings.

- Direction – should have more detail as a lot of time was spent on this. It should be noted that future Directions in other regions should be faster as possibly the most complex region in Scotland has now undertaken the process.
- Assessment – comment on whether there were issues with the order of events, in particular with reference to CFA late comments on the Assessment.
- Include reference to data storage and management and skills and retention of Partnership staff.

Action (9) - FM to make amendments to lessons learned report and then to circulate for further comment before sending to Marine Scotland.

7. AOB

Meetings – there was discussion on the possibility of holding Members’ meetings that are open to the public. There are logistical and financial challenges to finding a venue either large enough, or with the ability to have a direct video stream of the meeting to another room, however, these can be overcome. Members highlighted the fact that there are many opportunities for the public to engage in plan development through issue-based workshops, the pre-consultation draft and the official consultation process. This would be increased if the application for funding of the Clyde-wide project is successful. Input and responses from the public at all stages will be valued.

Pre-consultation process – Could Members please ensure that their organisations are aware that the CMPP is a statutory consultee both pre-application consultations and marine licensing applications.

Action (10) - SS to add link to MS-LOT Guidance on the CMPP website

National Marine Park plans – There was discussion around 2 proposed National Parks that may have a coastal/marine element influencing the Clyde Marine Region – Argyll & Islands and Galloway. The CMPP staff will forward on information on any proposals once received. The Chair declared that she is Honorary Vice President on the Scottish Campaign for National Parks. The Chair suggested that she invite an active member of the Scottish Campaign for National Parks to a future CMPP meeting to discuss any implications for the CMPP. Scottish Environment LINK also declared that they have funded various studies over the years considering marine/coastal national parks.

Action (11) - Chair to invite Scottish Campaign for National Parks to attend a future CMPP meeting for a presentation and discussion on the proposals

Action (12) - SS circulate Galloway discussion paper to Members for information

8. DONM

The next Members’ meeting will be held on 26th June.

9. Summary of action points

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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
02/28/03/2018	Circulate the IFG newsletter to Members which contains an update on the SIFIDS project.	SS
03/28/03/2018	RD to forward socio-economic studies to FM.	RD
04/28/03/2018	SS to circulate Sea Scotland information.	SS
05/28/03/2018	Forward SSACN report once available to SS for circulation to Members.	WK

Reference	Summary	Lead
06/28/03/2018	Include marine litter - plastics in next newsletter.	SS
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
08/28/03/2018	Confirm potential University contacts for GIS work to FM.	PC
09/28/03/2018	Make amendments to lessons learned report and then circulate for further comment before sending to Marine Scotland.	FM
10/28/03/2018	Add link to MS-LOT Guidance on the CMPP website.	SS
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
12/28/03/2018	Circulate Galloway discussion paper to Members for information.	SS

Summary of discussion points agreed

- To make some changes to the Introduction, Context, Vision, Aims and Guiding Principles of the pre-consultation report as indicated in detail above.
- To change the location of the second Layman's Guide event from Tarbert to Campbeltown to take place during April 2018. Clyde 2020 Steering Group and RAG will be updated.
- To submit an application to EMFF funding for 'Clyde wide' project and to work up an application for GIS cumulative effects work.
- To make some changes to the Lessons Learned report and reconsider a draft via email before sending it to Marine Scotland.