Agenda for the Members' Meeting Agenda

20th June 2019

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	Item	Time	Lead
1.	**Welcome and apologies**	11.25-11.30	IG
2.	**Review of action points from last meeting**	11.30-11.40	IG
3.	**Plan development** **a) Pre-consultation reflections** **b) Communications and engagement** **c) Analysis of responses**	11.45-12:30	Staff
	Lunch	12:30-13:15	
	Plan development (continued) **d) Action Plan** **e) Update on supporting assessments** **f) Next steps – Focus for future plan development**	13:15-14:30	Staff All
4.	**EMFF project update**	14:30-14:40	RC
5.	**Update on Chair's profile and advertising post**	14:40-14:50	FM
6.	**Members' updates**	14:50-15:30	All
7.	**AOB**	15.30-15.55	All
8.	**DONM** - **Members' meeting: 24th September 2019** **New Meeting dates:** **- 3rd December 2019** **- 25th February 2020**	15.55-16.00	IG
9.	**Close**	16.00	IG

Minutes of the CMPP Members' Meeting

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Chair: Isabel Glasgow (IG)

Present: Voting Members
Paul Bancks (PB), Crown Estate Scotland
Jan Brooke (JB), Clydeport Operations Ltd.
Paul Chandler (PC), Community of Arran Seabed Trust
Zoe Clelland (ZC), RSPB
Calum Duncan (CD), Scottish Environment LINK
Fergus Duncanson (FD), RYA Scotland
Rhona Fairgrieve (RF), Scottish Coastal Forum
David Hearton (DH), South Ayrshire Council
Arthur Keller (AK), Scottish Natural Heritage
Simon Limb (SL), British Marine Scotland (left after item 7)
Derek Manson (DM), Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park
Jenny McLeish (JML), The Scottish Salmon Company (left during AOB, after Hunterston discussion)
Alastair McNeill (AM), West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group
Jim Miller (JM), North Ayrshire Council
Elaine Whyte (EW), Clyde Fishermen's Association

Present: Others
Brian Forrest (BF), Board Member
Peter Henderson (PC), Board Member (left after item 4)
Alex Watson-Crook (AW), Board Member (left during AOB, during ECCLR discussion)
Fiona Mills (FM), CMPP staff
Sinéad Sheridan (SS), CMPP staff
Madlaina Michelotti (MM), CMPP Staff
Rebecca Crawford (RC), CMPP Staff
Ian Black (IB), Marine Scotland
Howard Wood (HW), Board Member

Apologies
David Adams McGilp (DAM), VisitScotland
Klare Chamberlain (KC), CalMac Ferries Ltd
Lorraine Holdstock (LH), Argyll and Bute Council
Willie Kennedy (WK), Scottish Sea Angling Conservation Network
Katriona Lundberg (KL), Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Mark Lodge (ML), Argyll and Bute Council
Alex MacFie (AM), Field Studies Council

1. Welcome and apologies

IG welcomed attendees that did not attend the Annual Members' Meeting, which directly preceded this meeting, and all members briefly introduced themselves. JML, representing the Scottish Salmon Company and standing in for Marc Browne, was welcomed.

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
01/31/01/2019	Ensure that the SA-SEA assesses the objectives and policies as written.	SS, completed
02/31/01/2019	Investigate if Scottish Government can give legal advice about the use of 'should' and 'must' in the Clyde Regional Marine Plan. [Upon subsequent investigation Marine Scotland will not be able to provide legal advice, as the Scottish Government Legal Directorate are of the opinion that this is a matter for the CMPP to consider.]	DP, completed
03/31/01/2019	Update policies in the Clyde Regional Marine Plan according to suggested changes, including checking for the consistent use of 'should' and 'must'.	FM, completed
04/31/01/2019	Edit Clyde Regional Marine Plan and consultation questions based on comments.	MM, completed
05/31/01/2019	Identify a list of potential areas where more work is needed in the Region.	FM, completed
06/31/01/2019	Write an initial job description for the new CMPP chair to circulate with members for feedback.	FM, completed
07/31/01/2019	Check constitution about postponing the Annual Members' Meeting.	FM, completed

3. Plan development update

(a) Pre-consultation reflections and (b) Communications and engagement

Items 3a and 3b were discussed together. SS provided an overview of the pre-consultation process, including an update on communications and engagement. The pre-consultation went well and received a good level of engagement and responses. The pre-consultation ran between the 18th March and 27th May. During this time, 28 events were organised around the Region and a total of 318 people attended and 49 consultation responses were received, 24 from individuals and 25 from organisations. Key themes that emerged from the discussions at events and through the consultation responses related to sea fisheries, aquaculture, natural heritage, shipping, marine litter and climate change.

A range of communication avenues were used during the pre-consultation, including twitter, emails, the CMPP newsletter, newspaper adverts and members' networks. In addition to newspaper adverts, 12 newspaper articles and letters were published by the local press on the pre-consultation and the events around the Region. During the pre-consultation period, there was also an increase in website use, newsletter subscriptions and twitter engagement. The CMPP will take forward lessons learnt from this pre-consultation process to better inform the statutory consultation. Out of the attendees that completed event feedback forms, most were highly satisfied with the events and indicated that their knowledge on marine planning had improved after attending the events.

Members discussed whether the number of consultation responses received can be deemed representative given the amount of users in the Clyde. Most members agreed that the 49 responses on the pre-consultation are likely to represent key views and should be viewed as successful. It is also important to remember that the feedback received through discussion at events was captured in the consultation report. A lot of people will not have responded because they were happy with the draft Plan and/or what was discussed at the events and that organisational responses can represent up to thousands of members. A question was raised concerning whether there was any sector that was not well represented at the events. The fisheries sector was probably the least engaged with the events, despite providing a range of events throughout the Region at

different times. IG summarised that the CMPP will be engaging with the public more through the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) public engagement project and will improve the statutory consultation based on the lessons learnt during the pre-consultation.

(c) Analysis of responses

SS summarised the findings from the consultation responses. The majority of responses were submitted via email, some used the online form and a few responses were received through the post. Individuals were primarily interested in protection and enhancement, and recreation purposes whereas organisations were interested in protection and enhancement, recreation purposes and commercial purposes. Event discussions were wide ranging and mainly focused on the following topics: fisheries, plan enforcement, marine litter, aquaculture, land/sea interactions and maritime heritage. In some areas of the Region, people were particularly focussed on the proposed Hunterston PARC development. There was a desire for coordinated involvement from communities, which was also reflected in some written responses. The most comments received in the written responses pertained to the vision, aims and guiding principles of the draft Plan. A detailed breakdown of the comments received can be found in both the consultation report and accompanying appendix when published.

Some comments received on strengthening policy and improving the context, maps, further information sections are easily editable and will be completed by the CMPP staff. Significant work will be required to deal with comments on natural heritage, sea fisheries, aquaculture and shipping. Several comments were also raised on marine litter; however, the Plan is limited by how much more impact it can have. Mixed responses were received on the need to develop more spatial policy. The answers to the question on business and regulatory impacts will be considered when developing the Business Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA). No concerns were raised over equality in the Plan.

Members congratulated the CMPP staff for putting the draft consultation report and appendix together. Members were given the opportunity to provide feedback on any of the areas that were listed under further consideration in the draft consultation report. JM requested that some of North Ayrshire Council's comments be reorganised and included under more appropriate questions in the appendix. Members can also send in comments via email on the consultation report until the 31st July.

Action (1) – MM to check comments submitted by North Ayrshire Council have been included under the correct questions.
Action (2) – Members to provide comments on consultation report by 31st July.

Discussion over the wording of some of the points for further consideration and the Action Plan took place, specifically focusing on the more spatial elements and improving the wording of those points so that they are less prescriptive. However, members also discussed that if the Plan is to have real effect then the CMPP will need to start making spatial decisions based on the best available data whilst also considering the complexity of the marine environment, the cumulative impacts that can arise and the impacts of climate change. It is also important to consider displacement implications, both within and outwith the Clyde.

Members acknowledged that the Plan aims to add value to existing legislation and in order to do this the CMPP will need to optimise the next stage of Plan development. Given the timescale of Plan development, it is unlikely that the Plan will become very spatial in this iteration; however it aims to provide a strategic approach for development in the Clyde that is supported by a healthy and functioning ecosystem. The Action Plan will also help address some of the points that cannot be addressed in this cycle of plan development, by filling data gaps which will support policy. The Action Plan is discussed in more detail below under item 3d.

IG summarised that CMPP members and staff are aware of the complicated process of including more spatial policy and it is important to make a start. The CMPP will try to go as far as possible at this stage and will continue through further work, like the Action Plan. Some members also expressed the importance for Scottish Environment Protection Agency's (SEPA) feedback on some aspects noted for further work, as they

relate strongly to SEPA's role (e.g. contribution to targets relating to the Water Framework Directive and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive) and would support the CMPP's future work.

Discussions moved on to the power of "should" vs. "must" in policy and the role of the CMPP as a statutory consultee. CMPP were informed by Marine Scotland that their lawyers would not be guiding the partnership on the use of language in the Plan's objectives and policies. PC explained that COAST is working with a marine environmental lawyer/senior lecturer in international law from the University of Edinburgh, School of Law, to write a policy brief on using marine spatial planning to support MPA management. This document also provides specific legal advice on the use of prescriptive language like "should" and "must" in the draft Plan; this document can be circulated to members and will be made available on a public portal. FM clarified that the CMPP is not a decision-maker; the CMPP respond to marine licence applications within the Clyde Marine Region based on the finalised Plan, with the final decision being made by Marine Scotland Licensing and Operations Team (MS-LOT). Planning Authorities and other decision makers must also take the Plan into account, specifically in relation to coastal and aquaculture developments. The CMPP is a statutory consultee to MS-LOT and already shares the applications received with CMPP members and board members. Members questioned whether personal legal liability of members has been considered for providing responses to MS-LOT as a statutory consultee; CMPP staff will check this.

Action (3) – PC to share policy brief from University of Edinburgh, School of Law with the CMPP when available.
Action (4) – CMPP staff to check personal legal liability when providing responses to MS-LOT.

(d) Action Plan

FM explained that from the responses received, comments have been considered according to: (1) what can be achieved within the timescale of Plan development and (2) items/concerns that cannot be addressed in the current timescale and require further work.

The latter points have been compiled into the Action Plan, which lists specific areas/issues where further work is needed to ultimately support the Plan. FM noted that the draft Action Plan is very much still a draft version and members are invited to provide input to this document. Once CMPP members have provided comments on the Action Plan, it will be shared with the Clyde 2020 sub-group and the Marine Alliance for Science and Technology in Scotland Marine Planning and Governance Forum for feedback. It will be further developed alongside the Clyde Regional Marine Plan as this is developed in the next stage of plan development.

Each area/issue in the Action Plan is prioritised and illustrates which chapters of the Plan that it relates to, as well as noting other related projects and ongoing research. Some of the actions can be taken on by CMPP staff and some will need external funding and support from partners and wider stakeholders for delivery.

IG welcomed members to comment on the Action Plan and a summary of the main discussion points is provided below:

- FM clarified that the Action Plan will be updated based on the changes made to the Plan; it will be an iterative process. FM also clarified that the Action Plan captures the work that cannot be carried out now as a part of further plan development and therefore does not include plan development work that will take place over the next six months, this is discussed further under item 3f.
- It was questioned how the priority ratings were assigned. FM explained the priority rating is a judgement based on the CMR Assessment score and the pre-consultation responses received related to this matter.
- The spatial elements in the Action Plan were queried and it was questioned how much should/can be included in the next stage of plan development and how much will need to be carried out after finalisation of the plan? FM clarified it is unlikely the Plan's policies can get more spatially specific at the moment (as the data gaps identified will not be resolved in the next stage of plan development) but options will be explored in the further work on policy drafting that will be carried out. The

Ecosystem Protection and Enhancement Plan[1] area/issue within the Action Plan would be an appropriate place to start. This action is important because it is a major piece of work that underpins the Plan itself and once it is in place, can look at overlaying sectoral spatial factors and areas of importance.

- **On the action relating to Carbon sinks:** It was questioned whether there could be more consideration towards spatial elements of carbon sinks in the Clyde Regional Marine Plan (CRMP), identified through mapping, and whether greater awareness of what is there but is not protected could be improved. FM noted that we believe we have included all we can in terms of available data related to carbon sinks. There is little knowledge around carbon buffer zones or around work on mitigating unavoidable impacts on carbon sinks. Ways of improving spatial data of carbon sinks are welcome. The possibility of exploring government funding options was raised, especially given the climate emergency and the relevance and importance of carbon sinks. Members to keep CMPP informed of any government climate change funding streams that may become available.
- **Action relating to locally important historic environment:** There is a current drive to move towards including more intangible heritage and this will be reflected in the Plan, where possible, and will also be picked up by the Action Plan. There were a lot of comments from the public about making the historic environment chapter more locally specific. No comments were raised by members on this action point.
- **Action relating to Shoreline Management Plans:** FM explained that this action is based on the need for climate change adaptation along the coastline; ensuring developments are being built in the right place, linking with terrestrial planning authorities, encouraging more shoreline management plans and is fundamentally linked to the impacts of climate change. Delivery of this action point will likely happen early on, given the changing climate change and adaptation requirements. CD welcomed this action point and the need to plan smartly to avoid removing or damaging the potential of natural habitats to protect against sea-level rise and contribute towards carbon storage.
- **Action relating to the Ecosystem Protection and Enhancement Plan[1]:** FM explained that this action has been influenced by the pre-consultation responses and the need to identify important habitats and species distribution throughout the Region. This action has also been identified by Clyde 2020 for a number of years. Some members welcomed this action, but noted the challenge of not having funding currently available to complete it. It was also queried how it will become a useful tool because it will be taken forward after the Plan is finalised and therefore not able to inform policy. FM clarified that the policies in the CRMP can be worded to capture future work, so that as this is completed, it will also need to be considered in marine licence applications. Members also questioned whether this project would be completed internally or externally. FM suggested that the project could be contracted out or options could also be explored to carry it out in-house. FM asked members if they would like the CMPP staff to start identifying funding opportunities now as it is an important action. The role Clyde 2020 can play in delivering this action point was addressed and members thought that it could be a good opportunity; however, members should first agree on a statement of requirement to identify the scope of the action before considering funding opportunities. The concept of ecosystem restoration was raised and the fact that it should be included in the discussions around protection and enhancement. It was noted that this action point should not include spatial consideration for sectors. This action point will improve knowledge of data on the location of important habitats and species distribution, in order to inform what activities happen in which locations; spatial consideration for the sectors should be captured under a separate action.
- The **action relating to Priority Marine Features** will also contribute to guidance for developers; however the challenge surrounding this was acknowledged, especially in terms of the scientific evidence that is required.
- **Action relating the Biosecurity Plan:** Members raised concerns about the low priority rating. However, it was clarified that the rating was low because there is already a Biosecurity Plan for the Clyde, not because biosecurity itself is of low priority. The timing of this action is also quite soon, so will be actioned relatively quickly. Questions were raised concerning the effectiveness of the existing plan and

[1] Altered based on discussion that took place later in the meeting; originally titled Ecosystem Enhancement Plan but now changed to Ecosystem Protection and Enhancement Plan, to include protection in the title.

whether any monitoring has taken place to assess its impact. Current resources do not allow such monitoring to take place but the CMPP staff will raise awareness of the existing Biosecurity Plan and biosecurity in the Clyde through ongoing public engagement work.

- **Action relating to marine litter**: Comments suggested that this action could reflect some of the more proactive management policies from the CRMP, specifically looking at whether more action can be taken on addressing nurdles and sewage related debris.

Staff will amend the Action Plan based on these discussions (not all areas/issues of the action plan were discussed due to time constraints); any further comments should be shared with the CMPP staff via email. Deadline for comments is the 31st August.

Action (5) – CMPP staff to create a statement of requirements for the Ecosystem Protection and Enhancement Plan to share with CMPP members.
Action (6) – RC to raise awareness on Firth of Clyde biosecurity plan through public engagement work.
Action (7) – CMPP members to provide comments on the Action Plan by 31st August.

(e) Update on supporting assessments

MM provided an update on the development of supporting assessments. A number of respondents provided comments on the Sustainability Appraisal-Strategic Environmental Assessment report (SA-SEA) in their pre-consultation responses. These responses will influence further development of the SA-SEA, alongside any changes made while redrafting the objectives and policies of the plan.

The comments received on the questions relating to the BRIA will be used to further develop these assessments. Other planned work, such as interviews with businesses, will also contribute towards the BRIA. These interviews will likely occur towards the end of the year to use the redrafted Plan. Several members expressed an interest in being involved in the BRIA interview process, MM will follow up with these members. The CMPP is aware of the Island Communities Impact Assessment and is currently waiting to hear when guidance will become available.

Action (8) – MM to circulate a proposed list of businesses to interview, alongside interview questions, to CMPP Members to discuss at the September meeting.

(f) Next steps – focus for future plan development

FM explained the proposed next steps for plan development. The CMPP staff will edit the Plan where minor adjustments are required and will track these changes. This updated draft will then be shared with members at the September meeting. After this, working groups will take place for the key chapters identified earlier: sea fisheries, aquaculture and potentially shipping. FM proposed that the CMPP staff redraft these chapters first and take the redrafted work to the various working groups to consider. SNH will be supporting the CMPP to develop new maps for the Plan and work will continue to develop the supporting assessments.

FM clarified that the stakeholder working groups would be based on the stakeholders from the previous working groups and members will also be able to attend. IG encouraged members to get involved in this process. JB expressed concern that the CMPP staff might not have the knowledge or experience to deal with pre-consultation comments that might not be familiar. FM noted that this could be taken into account through feedback on the next stage of plan development/draft plan.

Action (9) – JB to highlight comments in the pre-consultation draft appendix that are already being addressed elsewhere.

4. EMMF project update

RC provided an update on the EMFF project which started at the end of March and will run until December 2020. The aim of the project is to engage with the public on marine planning and wider marine issues. A number of events have already been planned for the summer to engage with the wider public. The project outputs include: public dialogue sessions which will likely be based on the main issues highlighted through the

pre-consultation; three animations that will focus on marine litter, climate change and another topic[2]; and a film on marine planning. Stakeholders will be interviewed for the film to explain and discuss marine planning in the Clyde; members are welcomed to take part. Underwater footage of the Clyde is also requested. Some members noted their willingness to take part and contribute footage.

There was some discussion regarding the update:

- The relevance of attending the Glasgow Canal Festival was questioned. RC explained that the festival is relevant because it is an opportunity to engage with the public around Glasgow. This is especially important as Glasgow was one of the least engaged areas during the pre-consultation.
- It was questioned who will direct the film to ensure that it represents balanced views. RC noted that this has not been determined yet as the tender and procurement processes still need to be completed. This message will be included in the statement of requirement and the script will also be shared with the CMPP in advance of production.
- It was asked who the intended audience is and what the film distribution channels will be. RC explained that the film is intended for people who generally would not engage with marine planning and the distribution channels are still to be decided but will likely include organising a launch event and sharing the film online. The film and animations will be particularly useful for public engagement events as well.
- What is the timescale for the work, as it could be used by other partners? RC clarified that exact timings are still being decided and will be shared with members when confirmed.
- Clyde 2020 is also planning on engaging with the Year of Coast and Water to highlight the work done by this group.

Action (10) – RC to share EMFF work plan when complete.

5. **Update on chair's profile and advertising post**

FM thanked members for feedback on the profile and process for recruiting a new Chair. The CMPP will advertise the post shortly after the meeting and will invite applications. AK questioned why the CMPP cannot use Appointed for Scotland, MM noted that there is a list of approved public bodies and the CMPP did not appear on this.

Action (11) – CMPP staff to enquire about being included as a public body on Appointed for Scotland.

6. **Members' updates**

Clyde Fishermen's Association – The Association are organising a festival in September and there will be engagement opportunities for the CMPP at this. The CFA has been involved with discussions based in London regarding private organisations that are taking forward proposals on scallop management. There is a lot of work ongoing around proposed MPAs that are being consulted on. These will impact Clyde fleets even though the MPAs are not in the Clyde.

West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group – At the last WCRIFG meeting, members indicated that they want better collaboration with the aquaculture industry so have now created a working group, which FM will also sit on. The WCRIFG is also trying to improve collaboration with the industry regarding future development of sites, this is currently variable. Better and closer working relationships are encouraged.

Royal Yachting Association Scotland – The association is thriving and there is not much to report. There is a push to improve communication with members and non-members, especially to represent members' interests and highlight best practice procedures to avoid the spread the non-native species.

Scottish Coastal Forum – The last steering group meeting took place in April. At this meeting ideas were discussed around engagement with external stakeholders and what SCF members want. SCF members

[2] Since the Members' Meeting, CMPP staff has decided that the third animation will likely be about mobile species in the Clyde.

welcomed communication facilitated by the Forum. RF will be leaving the SCF at the end of July and it will be for Marine Scotland to advise Ministers in due course on options for future community and regional engagement.

Crown Estate Scotland – No significant updates.

The Scottish Salmon Company – No updates from SSC, however JML noted her role as a biological stakeholder manager is new and it acknowledges the more holistic approach that is required. Her role will also facilitate more engagement with other stakeholders.

Clydeport Operations Ltd. – Construction on the new cruise ship terminal at Greenock is proceeding well; target for completion is April 2020. Hunterston PARC will be addressed under AOB.

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds – No Clyde updates. The RSPB recently launched a tool looking at carbon rich habitats and includes some marine elements. This tool can be found here.

Community of Arran Seabed Trust –A new visitor centre manager and assistant are now in post. The visitor centre is receiving lots of visitors. North Ayrshire Council approved the application to expand the upstairs of the centre, which will house research students in the future. The South Arran MPA Management Plan project is going forward and the new MPA Project Officer is starting in July. Students from the University of York will be carrying out dive surveys and looking at biodiversity and scallops. A remote operated vehicle, part funded by SNH, will be used to map PMFs in the MPA and No Take Zone, and also outside the MPA.

South Ayrshire Council – A climate change committee has been set up in response to the Climate Emergency raised at a national level. South Ayrshire Council has signed up to Fishing for Litter at Girvan port, this will launch in August. There is also a full education programme being rolled out in September on marine litter. Heritage projects and the updated Local Development Plan (LDP) are progressing.

British Marine Scotland – Currently contributing to rewriting the tourism strategy 'Awakening the Giant' and a draft will be presented in November at parliament. The new tourism strategy will be published next year to align with the Year of Coast and Water.

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park – An outdoor recreation plan is being developed and will go to the board in September for approval. After this, a consultation will take place. Reviewing the next Local Development Plan has been delayed by approximately a year so that it will be aligned with the Planning Bill.

North Ayrshire Council – LDP 2 has been written and is now awaiting determination from examination. It has been with the reporter for 9 months and it will likely take another 3 months. North Ayrshire Council's consultation response to Hunterston PARC Masterplan is available online as are the scoping report applications on aquaculture. The council expects Environmental Impact Assessments for the aquaculture proposals. The Planning Bill is currently under review but so far there is not much relating to marine impacts.

Clydeplan – Waiting to hear about the third stage in the Planning Bill and are looking at how the Bill will affect other streams of work that Clydeplan support, such as Climate Ready Clyde.

Scottish Natural Heritage – Completed advice to Scottish Government on the 15 proposed MPAs. They are subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment pre-consultation which is now underway. None of the proposed MPAs are in the Clyde.

Marine Scotland – No updates.

Scottish Environment LINK – The Save Scottish Seas project funding currently lasts until October. Sea Scotland Conference took place on the 19th June and was focussed on climate change adaptation. The outputs from the conference might be useful for marine planning partnerships. Scottish Environment LINK is responding to the

MPA consultation and is working collectively on the next MPA management consultation. As a network campaigning is being undertaken for the Scottish Environment Act and for the Circular Economy Bill. If they pass, they will have relevance to the Clyde. Scottish Environment LINK is also engaging with the Future of Fisheries Management discussion.

7. AOB

Four items were raised for discussion by CMPP staff under AOB, these are highlighted in bold.

Draft response to the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (ECCLR) Committee's call for evidence on regional marine planning

FM updated members on the ECCLR committee's call for evidence on regional marine planning and asked whether members would support putting in a response on behalf of the partnership and whether they agree with the proposed drafted response. The deadline for submitting evidence is the 12th July. Several points were made on the draft and these are summarised below:

- Lack of resources for the CMPP staff has been acknowledged in the draft response but the lack of resources for members should also be acknowledged. Constraints on local authorities and charities in particular make it difficult to balance involvement with the CMPP with other priorities.
- The process itself is constructive and going well, however the wider roll out of marine planning partnerships is not fast enough which means there are legislative commitments that are not being met.
- It was noted that that questions 7 and 8 should be answered more clearly. FM explained that she thought it might be more relevant for individual members to comment on whether local authorities have the necessary resources to develop Regional Marine Plans, but this can be edited accordingly. Members agreed that there needs to be more resources allocated to planning authorities to support marine planning expertise and to avoid creating an additional load for planning authorities. The importance of submitting a response that illustrates the challenges that we have had as a group, taking the plan forward was highlighted, so that the committee are aware for future planning partnerships. IG summarised members' general thoughts; members agree to submit a response but wish it to be more assertive.

Action (12) – FM/SS edit draft response for the ECCLR committee's call for evidence on regional marine planning based on members' feedback, and submit to the consultation.

Hunterston Masterplan consultation

IG explained that the CMPP has been asked by Peel Ports to respond to the informal consultation on the Hunterston PARC Masterplan and that it is important to discuss how the CMPP should respond. FM added that it is important to engage with developments and proposals as early as possible across all sectors to influence the final outcomes. This consultation is an opportunity to highlight areas, e.g. landscape/seascape, ecosystem enhancement, biosecurity, Peel Ports should consider when developing proposals for the site further. CMPP staff clarified that the Masterplan is not a firm proposal and instead lists various activities of potential interest. Responding to the consultation could be challenging because the CRMP is not a statutory document yet and will be subject to changes.

JM informed members that the North Ayrshire Council LDP 2 identified Hunterston as a strategic development area. North Ayrshire Council encourages developers to produce masterplans to outline proposed developments and as a means of being more transparent and encouraging public engagement. North Ayrshire Council have responded to the Masterplan, this is available to view here.

JB noted that she has not been involved with developing the draft Masterplan but believes it would be useful for the CMPP to draw attention to any areas that the CMPP would focus on when considering an application when the Clyde Regional Marine Plan is finalised.

A question was raised over the site boundary which appears to extend to the SSSI –does this indicate Peel Ports ownership of the intertidal area including part of the SSSI? Members agreed that this issue should be clarified.

Members agreed that it would not be appropriate at this time to respond in detail to the Master Plan as the CRMP is not finalised; and agreed to highlight the National Marine Plan for consideration and to share the pre-consultation draft with Peel Ports. Although this may be subject to considerable change post the pre-consultation, this provides an insight into the main issues that should be considered within the Region. Clarification should also be sought on the site boundary. Members themselves are encouraged to take part in the consultation to raise specific issues.

Action (13) –FM to respond to Peel Ports and ask for clarification on the site boundary, which appears to include the SSSI.

Aquaculture developments in the Clyde
FM wished to draw attention to the aquaculture proposals in the Clyde. There are six proposals for new salmon and trout farms (South Bute, Ardentinny, Great and Little Cumbrae, North Kilbrannan Sound and North Arran) and three proposals for farm expansions (at North and South Carradale, and Ardyne). Aquaculture concerns were raised frequently at the pre- consultation events and there is an opportunity in the future for the CMPP to look at proposals Clyde-wide with an emphasis on understanding the cumulative effects. Members shared concern that little progress has been made with regards to cumulative effects.

Public Dialogue – Jacob Ainscough (PhD student)
Jacob Ainscough (JA), a PhD student from the University of Edinburgh, is intending to run public dialogue sessions in August around the Clyde as part of his PhD (this is separate to the public dialogue session that the CMPP will run). Locations are still to be decided but the workshop will look at valuating plan implementation. He is interested in having stakeholders involved in the workshops, including CMPP members. Once JA has decided what focus the public dialogue sessions will take, CMPP staff will circulate an email to the specific members providing more information about being involved.

Update on the discussion on open loop scrubbers used in shipping
JB explained that UK ports are currently in discussion with trade bodies and other associations because of concerns related to meeting the International Maritime Organisation's (IMO) future sulphur cap regulation to improve air quality. Some vessels are installing closed loop scrubber systems from the exhaust, but others are looking at open loop systems, where the discharge is pumped into the marine environment. The IMO says open loop systems are suitable for open water but ports are concerned that the discharges will contaminate sediments and seawater, and will make it harder to get permission to use dredged material beneficially. In order to improve air quality, exhaust gas needs to be managed but if open loop systems are used then that might potentially damage the marine environment. Peel Ports is trying to get more information and wishes to prevent potential contamination. Studies have been carried out that show water quality standards can be met if the discharge is diluted enough; however, more evidence is needed, especially in estuaries and areas with high shipping traffic.

The CMPP gave thanks to RF for all her work over the years and wishes her all the best for her future endeavours.

8. **DONM**

IG encouraged early confirmation of attendance from members. CMPP staff will send out outlook calendar invites for the following confirmed meetings:

- 24th September 2019
- 3rd December 2019
- 25th February 2020

9. **Summary of action points**

Reference	Summary	Lead
01/20/06/2019	Check comments submitted by North Ayrshire Council have been included under the correct questions.	MM
02/20/06/2019	Provide comments on consultation report by 31st July.	CMPP Members
03/20/06/2019	Share report from University of Edinburgh with the CMPP when available.	PC
04/20/06/2019	Check personal legal liability when providing responses to MS-LOT.	FM/SS
05/20/16/2019	Create a statement of requirements for the Ecosystem Protection and Enhancement Plan to share with CMPP members.	FM/SS
06/20/06/2019	Raise awareness on Firth of Clyde biosecurity plan through public engagement work.	RC
07/20/06/2019	Provide comments on the Action Plan by 31st August.	CMPP Members
08/20/06/2019	Circulate a proposed list of businesses to interview, alongside interview questions, to CMPP Members to discuss at the September meeting.	MM
09/20/06/2019	Highlight comments in the pre-consultation draft appendix that are already being addressed elsewhere.	JB
10/20/06/2019	Share EMFF work plan when complete.	RC
11/20/06/2019	Enquire about being included as a public body on Appointed for Scotland.	MM
12/20/06/2019	Edit draft response for the ECCLR committee's call for evidence on regional marine planning based on members' feedback, and submit to the consultation.	FM/SS
13/20/06/2019	Respond to Peel Ports and ask for clarification on the site boundary, which appears to include the SSSI.	FM

Summary of discussion points agreed:

- Members agreed to submit a respond to the ECCLR committee's call for evidence on regional marine planning.
- Members agreed that the CMPP would not respond to the consultation on the Hunterston PARC Masterplan in detail but will share the pre-consultation draft Plan with Peel Ports.