Members' Meeting Agenda

24th September 2019

Premier Meetings Glasgow City Centre George Square, 187 George Street, Glasgow G1 1YU

	Item	Time	Lead
1.	**Welcome and apologies**	10:45-10:50	IG
2.	**New application for Membership to the CMPP – Professor Anthony Gallagher**	10:50-11:00	IG and all
3.	**Voting for new Chair**	11:00-11:10	IG and all
4.	**Introductions**	11:10-11:20	IG
5.	**Review of action points from last meeting**	11:20-11:25	IG
6.	**Governance update**	11:25-11:30	SS
7.	**Plan development** **a) Statement of Public Participation (SPP) and work plan** **b) Policy Development: work undertaken since last meeting and next steps** **c) The role of management policy - discussion** **d) Action Plan** **e) Associated Assessments** **f) Maps**	11:30-13:00	 SS FM FM/IB FM MM MM
Lunch		13:00-13:30	
8.	**EMFF project update**	13:30-13:50	RC
9.	**Clyde 2020 update**	13:50-14:00	FM
10.	**The CRMP and Marine Licensing: Role in marine licensing process and non-statutory consultations**	14:00-14:30	SS
11.	**Members' updates**	14:30-15:00	All
12.	**AOB** - **Seaweed cultivation proposal** -	15:00-15:15	IG - All
13.	**DONM** **- 3rd December 2019** **- 25th February 2020** **- *New date* 23rd June 2020**	15:15-15:20	IG - All
14.	**Close**	15:20-15:30	IG

Minutes of the CMPP Members' Meeting

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Items 1-3 were chaired by: Alastair McNeill, WCRIFG and Board Member

Items 4-14 were chaired by: Anthony Gallagher (AG)

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 (left during item 11)
Penny Hawdon (PH), The Scottish Salmon Company
David Hearton (DH), South Ayrshire Council
Lorraine Holdstock (LH), Argyll and Bute Council
Catherine Lambert (CL), Clydeplan
Simon Limb (SL), British Marine Scotland
Derek Manson (DM), Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park
Alex MacFie (AMF), Field Studies Council
Alastair McNeill (AM), West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group and Board Member
Jim Miller (JM), North Ayrshire Council
Graham Russell (GR), Royal Yachting Association Scotland
Kerry Wallace (KW), Scottish Natural Heritage (left during item 11)
Elaine Whyte (EW), Clyde Fishermen's Association

Present: Others
Brian Forrest (BF), Board Member
Peter Henderson (PC), Board Member
Charlie Simcox, Clydeport Operations Ltd. (as an observer taking over from Brian Forrest)
Alex Watson-Crook (AW), Board Member
Howard Wood (HW), Board Member
Rebecca Crawford (RC), CMPP Staff
Fiona Mills (FM), CMPP staff
Sinéad Sheridan (SS), CMPP staff
Ian Black (IB), Marine Scotland

Apologies
Isabel Glasgow, Chair
Klare Chamberlain, CalMac Ferries Ltd
Calum Duncan, Scottish Environment LINK
David Kinniburgh, Board Member
Madlaina Michelotti, CMPP Staff
Cameron MacPhail, CalMac Ferries Ltd

1. Welcome and apologies

Alastair McNeill (AMN) welcomed attendees to the meeting. He noted that he was standing in as Chair for Isabel Glasgow as agreed by Board members, as Isabel was unfortunately unable to attend this meeting due to illness. He noted that this was to be Isabel's last meeting as Chair of the CMPP before standing down. He thanked her for her contribution to the CMPP and Members echoed this sentiment.

2. New application for Membership to the CMPP – Professor Anthony Gallagher

AMN stated that a recruitment exercise was undertaken for the new Chair. The selection panel was made up of a number of Members of the Board and Anthony Gallagher (AG) was the successful applicant. In order to become Chair, a vote on his application for membership of the CMPP first needed to be carried out. A vote was then taken; there were 12 votes in favour, none against and one abstention and AG's application for Membership was approved.

3. Voting for new Chair

Voting was then taken on AG becoming the new Chair of the Partnership. There were 12 votes for this proposal (none against and no abstentions) and the vote was passed.

It was noted that AG is based in Southampton and he has agreed to cover expenses for travel to Glasgow. Graham Russell (GR) raised that there will be significant carbon emissions associated with this level of travel and mitigation should be put in place for this. Zoe Clelland (ZC) asked if there was a policy which applies to CMPP staff around this issue, which could also be applied to the Chair. Fiona Mills (FM) noted that there is, and it includes a hierarchy of travel, which considers air travel as a last resort. Staff will also look into mitigation options, such as carbon offsetting.

Action (1) – Staff to research carbon offsetting schemes which can be used as a mitigation measure.

4. Introductions

At this point AG joined the meeting and AMcN handed over Chairing duties to him. AG thanked all for voting him in, noting that it is a great honour to undertake this position and he looks forward to the opportunity to work on a statutory plan and to take the partnership forward. He gave a summary of his experience, which has included many roles working with various partnerships, including his experience as an academic, as Chair of the Hamble Partnership and on the Coastal Partnership Network. Currently he is a visiting Professor at the University of Southampton and has recently established his own company. Members and Board Members present introduced themselves.

5. 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
01/20/06/2019	Check comments submitted by North Ayrshire Council have been included under the correct questions.	MM – Completed
02/20/06/2019	Provide comments on consultation report by 31st July.	CMPP Members – Completed
03/20/06/2019	Share report from University of Edinburgh with the CMPP when available.	PC – Completed
04/20/06/2019	Check personal legal liability when providing responses to MS-LOT.	FM/SS – Ongoing
05/20/16/2019	Create a statement of requirements for the Ecosystem Protection and Enhancement Plan to share with CMPP members.	FM/SS – Ongoing
06/20/06/2019	Raise awareness on Firth of Clyde biosecurity plan through public engagement work.	RC – Ongoing
07/20/06/2019	Provide comments on the Action Plan by 31st August.	CMPP Members – Completed
08/20/06/2019	Circulate a proposed list of businesses to interview, alongside interview	MM – Completed

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	questions, to CMPP Members to discuss at the September meeting.	
09/20/06/2019	Highlight comments in the pre-consultation draft appendix that are already being addressed elsewhere.	JB – Completed
10/20/06/2019	Share EMFF work plan when complete.	RC – Completed
11/20/06/2019	Enquire about being included as a public body on Appointed for Scotland.	MM – Completed
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 – Completed
13/20/06/2019	Respond to Peel Ports and ask for clarification on the site boundary, which appears to include the SSSI.	FM - Completed

6. Governance update

Sinead Sheridan (SS) provided a governance update. Arthur Keller, who represented SNH on the CMPP Membership and was also on the Board, has moved to a new post within SNH and will no longer be involved with the CMPP. SNH will confirm plans for permanent future representation in due course. It was noted that Kerry Wallace (KW) was attending the meeting today on behalf of SNH. Staff thanked AK for his contribution to the partnership over the last seven years and for his work as line manager for staff for part of this time.

Rhona Fairgrieve has withdrawn her membership of the CMPP as an individual, as she has resigned from her post with the Scottish Coastal Forum.

SS also noted that this was Brian Forrest's last meeting as CMPP Board Member; since he has moved to a new post in Great Yarmouth. His position on the Board will be replaced by Charlie Simcox, who attended the meeting as an observer. SS noted the CMPP's thanks to Brian for his work and commitment to the CMPP and wished him well in his new role.

7. Plan development update

(a) Statement of Public Participation (SPP) and work plan

SS provided an update on the SPP and workplan noting that these documents had been updated to reflect the extension in plan delivery to December 2020. The upcoming stakeholder workshops would be added to the SPP and SS welcomed comments from Members on this. It will then go to Marine Scotland for Ministerial approval, before being published on the CMPP website. It was raised that it could be useful to include some detail within the document on the requirement to update neighbouring administrations on plan development and how this had been undertaken.

SS noted that on the workplan, there were two stages identified where delays in the timeline could occur: (1) during the Marine Scotland review which could take longer than three months and (2) if an independent review was required after consultation.

There was further discussion around the risk of plan delivery slipping further, particularly around the issues this could cause when planning the consultation. FM noted that risk around this could be reduced by not committing any spend on engagement events until the consultation was confirmed. Ian Black (IB) also noted that the Shetland consultation had been delayed by discussions around a data sharing agreement. Discussions have begun on establishing this in the Clyde and IB advised that this should be progressed soon to avoid any delay (more detail on this data sharing agreement is provided in item 7b).

Action (2) – Include information about process of informing neighbouring administrations about plan development within the Statement of Public Participation

(b) Policy Development: work undertaken since last meeting and next steps

FM provided an update on policy development noting that staff were working through the pre-consultation responses in detail and amending the plan accordingly based on these, which is quite time consuming. Once

the work on the fisheries and aquaculture chapters has been completed, this will be discussed further at the stakeholder working groups. These chapters will also be a focus of discussion of the public dialogue sessions (more information on this under item 8).

In terms of the fisheries working group meeting at the end of October, all Members are welcome to attend, please let Maddy know. Once a date for the aquaculture meeting has been confirmed, staff will let Members know and they are also welcome to attend this. The aim is to have a final draft plan for discussion at the December meeting. The final draft pre-consultation report will also be prepared for this meeting. Over this period staff will be working on the associated assessments, which will continue into the early part of next year.

FM also updated Members on the data sharing agreement which was referred to earlier in the meeting. This is being established between Marine Scotland and SNH on behalf of the CMPP and its public authority Members, so that the consultation responses for the statutory consultation next year can be shared with Marine Scotland. This is to enable a decision to be made about whether or not an independent investigation is required.

Members discussed climate change, around which discussions are moving very fast and this needed to be taken into account in policy development. GR noted some documents to have consideration of and agreed to forward this list to staff. There needs to be a final check of the plan to make sure it is consistent with national policy.

Action (3) – GR to send list of relevant documents relating to climate change to staff to review as part of process of plan development for climate change chapter

Members discussed that it could be beneficial for climate change to be added to the Clyde 2020 agenda for the upcoming meeting, so as to utilise the Research Advisory Group's expertise on this. ZC requested that the decision not to hold a specific workshop for Natural Heritage was revisited. Members discussed this and felt there would be value in having a wider Members discussion on this, and not just a bilateral discussion with SNH. Staff agreed to arrange a workshop for Members to discuss this chapter.

Action (4) – Staff to organise a workshop on Natural Heritage for Members

(c) The role of management policy – discussion

FM gave a presentation outlining the process of policy development, including the management policy specifically as concerns had been raised on including this type of policy within the plan by Marine Scotland. She outlined that management policy (all policy not specifically related to authorisations and consents) had been included in the plan, so as to support implementation of the NMP and to address issues that had been identified in the CMR assessment. In addition, many issues are outwith the marine licencing regime and so require action from all users of the marine environment. However, concerns have been raised by Marine Scotland about including management policy because including them could lead to a legal challenge of the plan. IB summarised Marine Scotland's view on the issue, noting that there are two main points of concern (1) it is not considered best practice to include policies over which there are no controls to enforce them and no ability to monitor them and (2) it is not clear if these policies are within the scope of the Marine (Scotland) Act, specifically with regard to Section 5; this is what could lead to a legal challenge. Scottish Ministers are required to approve publication of the RMP, in the terrestrial system it is committee members (Local Council) that approve publication of the proposed plan. Having considered it closely, IB noted that there is a possibility of a legal challenge and Members should consider this risk.

The Chair noted that this was an issue unlikely to be resolved today and one that required further discussion with Marine Scotland.

There was a general discussion and this is summarised below:

- Although measurements have been provided where possible, it will not always be clear that any outcomes will be as a result of the CRMP; as they could be as a result of external factors. In some

cases it will be difficult to determine cause and effect. Impacts of the plan's policies may be more diffuse, and so it could be argued that it is not possible to effectively monitor all policies, including those related to licensing.

- Members asked what would happen if it was decided to leave management policies in the plan. IB noted that if this was the case, the issue would be summarised to the Minister when the plan goes for final sign off ahead of publication, and she would then make a decision on that basis.
- It was raised that from a land planning perspective, once the plan had been approved by Ministers, changes can only be made under a point of law.
- There was a broad discussion around whether having management policies within the plan commits public bodies to funding those measures. It was felt that it does not and Members stated that this should be clearly stipulated within the plan.
- Members sought further clarity on a scenario in which a legal challenge would happen. ZC asked if an example could be given. IB noted that a legal challenge could come from any consultee or stakeholder.
- Some Members felt that removing management policy would weaken the plan, even if these policies are unenforceable; they encourage responsible use and best practice of the marine environment.
- It was also noted that the issue is based around how the policies are implemented. If unenforceable policies are included in the plan, some sectors may feel undermined and may want to challenge their inclusion on that basis.
- However, others argued that if they are recommendations (using 'should' instead of 'must') then there is no basis for a legal challenge. It was raised that, for example, all Members will have issues with some policies within in the plan; but will accept them in the spirit of partnership working and compromise. People should not challenge the plan because they dislike some policies within it.
- Some Members argued that as the management policies relate to non-licensable activities and use; how could this be the basis of a legal challenge? They are simply recommendations for best practice. As such, any policies with a basis in legislation must use the word 'must' and those which aren't based on existing legislation must use the word 'should'.
- Reflecting on the original rationale for including them, they are in the plan because they are seeking to promote best use of the marine and coastal environment. This is preferential to not including them, especially considering that the plan is being formed using the ecosystem approach.
- From the RYAS' perspective, in terms of policies relating to education and activities that are not licenced, they would not want to see a move towards these becoming licenced, but would want to see best practice encouraged while acknowledging that these are not mandatory policy. The Partnership need to consider Marine Scotland's views, but having good practice stated in the plan is very beneficial.
- Other examples of marine planning policy were discussed, noting that the policies of the NMP are open to interpretation as to whether or not they relate to management. The Shetland draft RMP contains some of the same issues as the CRMP, but it does not label them as policy; they are included as general information. It was raised that the situation in Shetland is very different to the Clyde, they may have no need for such policy and this is might be why management policies have not been included. There seems to be no consensus amongst stakeholders about what should be in a plan.
- Management policy suggests there will be ongoing work and resourcing around these issues, otherwise it just becomes a wish list. If there is management policy, what does that mean practically?
- Some Members agreed that the policies related to science and research gaps would be more suited to the Action plan and could be removed from the plan.
- AWC asked for a point of clarification for the Board Members – this could potentially result in a huge change to the plan. Have these concerns been formally submitted? FM responded that they were included in Marine Scotland's pre-consultation response; however more detail has been provided at today's meeting on the basis for a challenge.
- Some Members expressed frustration that this issue had arisen at this stage. Consensus on the nature of the plan and the types of policies to be included had been reached before. They felt that a strong, legally based justification would be needed to inform a change in direction and it was felt that this had not been provided. Some Members expressed that if the management policies were removed then the plan would not really be adding anything new or adding value to the system.

- It was noted that consultation can help raise some of these issues if there are concerns from wider stakeholders. Although they had not been raised at the pre-consultation stage by stakeholders, they could come through the consultation. The issue could be examined through a specific question and the Partnership could make a decision on that basis.
- The vision of the plan needs to be considered and if the policies are fit for purpose to deliver that. If management policies are removed can the plan deliver its vision?
- Some Members felt there was no point including these policies within the plan as information like Shetland has done. A lot depends on language and where 'should' and 'must' are used. Use of 'should' implies a recommendation. If Members agree the management policies are meaningful, then the CMPP must find a way to keep them in.
- Consequences of including management policy, if this results in a legal challenge, may not come until further down the line when a licensing decision is made (although licensing decisions will be based on licensing/enforcement policy).
- Members felt the risk of a legal challenge should be properly considered and some requested more information on the basis of any such challenge. If the risk of legal challenge is based on likelihood and impact, then the impact factor is high if a legal challenge is upheld.

The Chair brought the discussion to a close by asking for a show of hands from those who supported the inclusion of management policy. A count was not taken as this was presented as an indicative exercise only, though a majority of Members raised their hands.

(d) Action Plan

As the plan is being developed, it is clear there are things that cannot be included in this iteration. For example, there are many data gaps that need to be filled to support policy. The action plan is a way of capturing this work and identifying areas of further work needed to support implementation of the plan. As the planning cycle goes beyond this plan, the action plan provides guidance and a focus to further work that the partnership should be carrying out to support development of future plans. FM also specified that the action plan is not a statutory document and funding would need to be identified to deliver these actions.

Members had some discussion around the action plan:

- Some expressed concern that these things were not included in this iteration of the plan. FM noted it was important to have the evidence base to support policy. As policy is being redrafted, it is making reference in some places to future guidance/information, so that as this work is completed it can contribute to policy.
- Members supported the action plan but were concerned that funding would be difficult to source, especially considering European funding will not be available in future. It was noted that funding is important, but it is not the only consideration There is the collective work that members can do as a partnership to further some of the work. The actions identified are things that put the CMPP in a better place to deliver the next plan; it is disappointing that some of these things cannot be delivered for this plan, but the action plan is fundamental for the next stage.

Members agreed that they were happy to take the action plan forward and for it to be shared with Clyde 2020 and the MASTS marine planning forum for feedback.

(e) Associated Assessments

Work on the assessments is ongoing and they will be finalised by February, as they need to be sent to Marine Scotland with the plan for review before consultation. The SA-SEA will be completed over the next three months in tandem with the policy revisions. It is anticipated that the CRWIA screening will demonstrate that a full assessment is not needed. The team are keeping up to date with developments on the ICIA. With regards to the EQIA, stakeholders have been identified to request feedback during the consultation to make sure they are happy with the approach taken on the plan.

Regarding the BRIA– a list of proposed businesses and questions had been circulated to Members for feedback. On the whole Members thought more businesses should be interviewed and proposed a short

survey as a way of gathering more views to be carried out alongside the more indepth interviews. Members suggested a bank or investment company be added to the list, as a way of assessing how the plan will affect future investment and also capturing the views of onshore supporting businesses such as haulage and processing. Members asked about the level of briefing the interviewees will have prior to interviews. FM responded they will have the next draft of the plan and there will be a chance to explain background during interviews or by email beforehand. Members also made some suggestions on the questions and asked that there was more of a focus on new businesses and/or developments. Members acknowledged that the BRIA is a difficult exercise and it will be difficult for respondents to quantify what impact the plan will have on their businesses – might be helpful to ask in terms of which policies are identified as opportunities or threat.

Action (5) – Staff to consider an electronic survey to go out to a wide range of businesses

(f) Maps

FM provided an update on the maps, which were being developed with the assistance of SNH. She thanked them for prioritising work on delivering the maps for the consultation draft plan. Maddy Michelotti has been leading on this work and has prepared a base map. A few new maps will also be produced in addition to creating the ones from the pre-consultation draft.

8. EMFF project update

Rebecca Crawford (RC) provided an update on the EMFF public engagement work. The public dialogue contract has been awarded to Research 4 Change. RC informed Members that AG is an associate with Research 4 Change. AG explained his role in the contract, declaring an interest, and noted he would mainly be involved in the final reporting but would also attend a couple of sessions to assist with facilitation and to hear discussions. RC noted that an inception meeting has been held with the contractors to discuss the overall aim of the work and delivery dates for the differing stages. Initial findings will be presented to Members in December with a final report coming later.

RC has also been developing a statement of requirements for three animations and a marine planning film. These will be circulated to Members for comment with the intention of letting this contract in November. Members had no comments at this stage on this work.

9. Clyde 2020 Update

The next Clyde2020 meeting will take place at the end of October and the main focus of the meeting will be around discussions on the future of the Clyde 2020 group. The action plan will also be presented to the Steering Group and Research Advisory Group for their comments and feedback.

10. The CRMP and Marine Licensing: Role in marine licensing process and non-statutory consultations

SS gave a presentation summarising a draft CMPP consultation statement which sets out the CMPP's role within the marine licensing system and the process for responding to pre-application consultations and marine licence applications when the plan is finalised. Members made a few suggestions for the improvement of this document, including: revised wording around the licensing powers of statutory harbour authorities; the document's title which could be misleading; proposal for including more response formats and a broad discussion on the statement within the document that the CMPP would only respond where the issue is not already covered by other consultees' duties. Even though some policies may be a duplication of existing legislation or policy and may fall under the remit of other organisations, Members reasoned that if it is felt necessary to include policy within the plan then this should be considered in consultation responses. SS will revise the document based on these comments and any further comments received via email. Consideration on this issue will likely evolve as plan development occurs. In addition SS noted that a workshop could be held at a future meeting to test and refine this process.

11. Members' updates

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park – Work is currently focussed on the outdoor recreation plan and timescales for delivering this have been pushed back to the end of the year. In terms of land use planning,

the team are currently updating the action programme. The park has also completed two submissions to the Scottish Planning Awards, one focussed on the Loch Goil Community Action Plan.

Clyde Fishermen's Association – Discussions around fishing policy related to Brexit remain very busy. The CFA also delivered a very successful festival at the weekend with Clyde Built. The CFA has also responded to a couple of Clyde related consultations; one on Herring TAC, where the CFA is keen to keep the TAC low as the science is developed, and the other related to the Clyde cod box. The CFA is also involved in the WCRIFG aquaculture working group.

RSPB – The RSPB is undergoing a period of internal change which is resulting in a change in staffing and structures. ZC will retain a role in central Scotland, including Forth and Clyde, so will continue to be involved in the CMPP. The RSPB submitted a response to the ECCLR committee regional marine planning inquiry.

Argyll & Bute Council – Argyll and Bute Council approved the Proposed Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan 2. The Council's "settled view" is to be published before the end of the year for an 8 week public consultation excluding the 2 week Christmas period.

The Scottish Salmon Company – Business is underway as normal, in the Clyde there is currently one application in the planning process, and another which is going through scoping, which will be submitted towards the end of the year.

Clydeport Operations Ltd. – After a long time in discussion, the beneficial uses of dredged material initiative has now taken off and substantial progress is being made with that. Quite a few organisations around the table are involved in this. A similar group has been established in Liverpool, and it has recently proved valuable in finding a use for several tonnes of sandstone.

Marine Scotland – The Programme for Government has recently been published and it includes a number of marine conservation topics. Currently the marine atlas is being updated, target for completion of this is 2020. The revised marine litter strategy is in the early stages of being agreed and new legislation which bans the manufacture and sale of plastic cotton bud stems will come into force in October. The Marine litter team have recently appointed an intern working on an assessment of recycling fishing gear, and she may be in touch with the Partnership. The Shetland Islands Marine Plan is currently out for consultation until December. The marine planning delegation in Orkney is still being established. The National Islands Plan will be in Parliament next month. The National Transport strategy (NTS2) has recently been published.

RYAS – Pontoons have now been put in place in Arrochar, thanks to a local initiative. The Green Blue was relaunched at the Southampton boat show with a refreshed website. The RYAS is preparing for the Kip boat show in October; this is now the second biggest boat show in Britain and GR encouraged all attendees to come along.

SNH – KW noted that all relevant updates had been covered already through the discussions of the meeting.

South Ayrshire Council – SAC is now fully signed up to the Fishing for Litter campaign and an education programme over winter will be undertaken on this. Girvan Harbour has been completely dredged for the first time in many years. LDP2 has been approved by the committee and is undergoing final sign-off from the government. The Galloway and South Ayrshire biosphere is also progressing well, and five different projects applied for funding for next year, as it is the Year of Coasts and Waters.

Crown Estate Scotland – The CES three year corporate plan is currently out for consultation until the beginning of November.

COAST – Visitors centre is going well and has had 9000 visitors so far since opening. The MPA management plan project is moving forward. Of the legal briefings prepared by the University of Edinburgh, the document prepared on spatial management is just one; four have been prepared in total and Paul Chandler encouraged

all to look at this. COAST has also recently employed a new MPA protection officer. Currently two students from University of York are carrying out dive surveys on biodiversity and scallop assessment. COAST has also been busy in recent months with the salmon farming campaign against a site within the national scenic area. Howard Wood has also been invited to speak at two conferences in the coming months.

Field Studies Council Millport – FSC Millport continues to do well and has experienced a massive growth this year seeing a 30% increase on last year. Alex MacFie has moved to a new regional role in addition to her existing role. Field Studies Council is holding a Marine Symposium on 18th October, and AMF would be delighted if all could attend.

Clydeplan – A number of changes will be happening for Clydeplan over the foreseeable future as a result of the Planning Bill which was enacted in the 25th July. Strategic Development Plans are no longer part of the statutory process, but there will be the development of regional spatial strategies. There will be no examination process for these, however, it opens up the scope for other ways of working and allows consideration of strategic issues. Clydeplan have begun to look at how this is going to work. The new National Planning Framework is also being developed and Clydeplan is beginning to work closely with Glasgow City Region. Ultimately, there will be a regional spatial strategy for Glasgow City Region with an updated economic strategy. Clydeplan will be moving to the GCR team offices at the end of October.

British Marine Federation – BMF were involved with the RYAS on the Green Blue relaunch. It has some additional funding and new staff members to support its work. BMF has been involved recently in issues around red diesel use, which has been a long term issue. A symposium will be held in November to launch the next phase of the Scottish Marine Strategy.

WCRIFG – The IFGs are undergoing some changes, the Chair's position on the east Coast is currently vacant and Marine Scotland are advertising this post. AMcN will also be standing down as the Chair of the WCRIFG, however Marine Scotland have invited him to stay on in a central coordination role and oversee the two new Chairs when they are appointed. The Future of Fisheries discussion may also bring about further changes to the IFGs. AMN also noted he is the Chair of the local area FLAG, and this has only had one application in the three years that it has been established. The FLAG will have a new person in post and he welcomed any new applications.

North Ayrshire Council – The NAC LDP has completed it examination. The examination took 11 months and was approved by council last week with no substantive changes. The main changes of interest to the CMPP were that the policy around Hunterston was strengthened slightly - SM said they must (rather than should) have a masterplan. The new Planning Act sees 66 new duties for planning authorities and RTPI has estimated cost will be between £12-59 million per authority over a ten year period, however planning authorities will have to wait and see what comes out in the regulation. NAC have met with East and South Ayrshire to discuss the scope for the new regional spatial strategy. The council is also dealing with a lot of interest in a fish farm application off north east Arran and have also submitted proposals for the Scottish planning awards.

12. AOB

Seaweed cultivation proposal

FM noted that the CMPP were approached by Oceanium, a seaweed cultivation company proposing to establish a site in the Clyde and a meeting was held with them and Crown Estate Scotland to discuss their proposal. FM suggested that they get in touch with some Members to discuss this idea further and has passed on relevant contact details. A few other Members also requested that their details be passed on. Staff will circulate the information sheet on the project once available.

FM also noted that a PhD student Jake Ainscough will be doing some public dialogue in the Clyde, focussed on the policies of the pre-consultation draft plan, as part of his PhD.

FM noted her thanks to Isabel Glasgow in her time as the Chair for the CMPP and prior to this as Chair of the Firth of Clyde Forum. She was involved in many important projects for the Clyde in this time, including brokering conversations around Lamlash Bay No Take Zone; she was involved in the development of the voluntary SSMEI marine plan in the Clyde; in transitioning the Firth of Clyde Forum to the CMPP and has also Chaired the Clyde 2020 group since its inception, delivering work on the Layman's guide; and of course has been overseeing the development of this regional marine plan. FM thanked her for her work over the years and for her dedicated involvement to partnership working in the region. Members also passed on their best wishes to Isabel and thanked her for her work.

13. DONM

AG noted that a new Members meeting date had been added in June and the meeting ended at 14.45.

14. Summary of action points

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01/24/09/2019	Research carbon offsetting schemes which can be used as a mitigation measure.	SS/MM
02/24/09/2019	Include information about process of informing neighbouring administrations about plan development within the Statement of Public Participation	SS
03/24/09/2019	Send list of relevant documents relating to climate change to staff to review as part of process of plan development for climate change chapter	GR
04/24/09/2019	Organise a workshop on Natural Heritage for Members	SS
05/24/09/2019	Staff to consider an electronic survey to go out to a wide range of businesses	FM/MM

Summary of discussion points agreed:

- Members agreed that they were happy to take the action plan forward and for it to be shared with Clyde 2020 and the MASTS marine planning forum for feedback.