Members' Meeting Agenda:

25th February 2020

The Robertson Trust, Robertson House, 152 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4TB

	Item	Time	Lead
1.	**Welcome and apologies**	10:45-10:50	Chair
2.	**Review of action points from last meeting**	10:50-10:55	Chair
3.	**Plan development update: Overview of changes to Plan, followed by Members' feedback**	10:55-13:00	Fiona Mills and all
Lunch		**13:00-13:45**	
4.	**EMFF Project update** • Public Dialogue feedback • Update on CMPP film and project	13:45-14:35	Mike King (Resources for Change) Sam McFarlane
5.	**Clyde 2020 update**	14:35-14:50	Sinead Sheridan
6.	**Members' updates**	14:50-15:20	All
7.	**AOB** • CES Shellfish Critical Mass Pilot Project - Clyde • Argyll and Bute Council Seaweed Farming Feasibility Study • Loch Fyne Marine Biosecurity Plan	15:20-15:25	All
8.	**DONM** - 28th April 2020 - Cancelled: 23rd June 2020 - Provisional: 15th September 2020	15:25-15:30	All
9.	**Close**	15:30	Chair

Minutes of the CMPP Members' Meeting

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Chair: Anthony Gallagher (AG)

Present: Voting Members
Calum Duncan (CD), Scottish Environment LINK (left at lunch)
Catherine Lambert (CL), Clydeplan
Derek Manson (DM), LLTNP
Elaine Whyte (EW), Clyde Fishermen's Association and Board Member
Graham Russell (GR), Royal Yachting Association Scotland
Jan Brooke (JB), Clydeport Operations Ltd.
Jim Miller (JM), North Ayrshire Council and Board Member (left at lunch)
Kerry Wallace (KW), Scottish Natural Heritage (left at lunch)
Lorraine Holdstock (LH), Argyll and Bute Council
Paul Bancks (PB), Crown Estate Scotland
Paul Chandler (PC), Community of Arran Seabed Trust
Penny Hawdon (PHa), The Scottish Salmon Company
Shirley Curran (SC), South Ayrshire Council
Simon Limb (SL), British Marine (left at lunch)
Willie Kennedy (WK), SSACN
Zoe Clelland (ZC), RSPB

Present: Others
Alex Watson-Crook (AW), Board Member
Charlie Simcox (CS), Clydeport Operations Ltd. (left at lunch)
David Pratt (DP), Marine Scotland (left at lunch)
Fiona Mills (FM), CMPP staff
Howard Wood (HW), Board Member
Madlaina Michelotti (MM), CMPP staff
Peter Henderson (PHe) Board Member
Samantha McFarlane (SM), CMPP staff
Sinéad Sheridan (SS), CMPP staff

Apologies:
Alastair McNeill (AMN), West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group and Board Member
David Kinniburgh, Board Member
Ian Black, Marine Scotland

1. Welcome and apologies

AG introduced the agenda, asked attendees to introduce themselves and noted the apologies as listed above.

2. Review of action points for the last meeting

A summary of the status of action points from the last meeting is listed below:

Reference	Summary	Lead and status
01/03/12/2019	Amend reference to stakeholders' interest in spatial planning in discussion paper.	FM - Completed
02/03/12/2019	Redraft Plan based on the recommendation in the discussion paper to present to Members in February 2020.	CMPP staff - Completed
03/03/12/2019	Update work plan Gantt chart and share with CMPP Members and Board Members.	SS - Ongoing
04/03/12/2019	Email Board Members to assess their interest in being involved in future tender processes.	FM - Completed
05/03/12/2019	Choose carbon offsetting option.	Chair - Completed

3. Plan development update

The Chair introduced this agenda item and highlighted that CMPP Members need to come to a decision on the key changes made to the Clyde Regional Marine Plan. FM gave an overview of these key changes. Discussion points are summarised below:

- All Members were supportive of the key changes made to the Plan and agreed to the new approach, including the change from management policy to user recommendations. The Plan is now more operable because for each policy, there is an organisation that can enforce a decision related to that policy.
- Some Members thought the wording of some policies needs to be reviewed or additional policies added to ensure policies are framed positively. New policies for the climate change and natural heritage chapters were suggested to encourage projects that support climate change mitigation/adaption and biodiversity/ecosystem enhancement so that the Plan is both reactive and proactive. Such policies could also be used to support future funding applications.

Action (1) – CMPP staff to add new policies to climate change and natural heritage chapters.

- It was questioned whether a process has been followed to check whether all issues identified in the Assessment have supporting policy. FM clarified that policies were developed as a result of the issues identified but the team will check this retrospectively.

Action (2) – CMPP staff to check all issues identified in the Assessment have supporting policy.

- Some comments were raised around consistency, clarity and strengthening of some policies. The usability workshop on the 24th March will provide further feedback on policy wording.

Action (3) – CMPP Members to submit minor comments in writing to CMPP staff by the 11th March so the Plan can be amended accordingly.

- It was questioned how the CMPP will ensure that all decision-makers are making decisions in the same way, especially when policies need to be weighed against each other. Understanding how the Plan will be implemented in the Clyde is important, particularly because the Clyde is unique in terms of the number of public authorities within the Region.

The next version of the Plan will be circulated to Members with track changes to reflect the comments submitted by Members and any changes made as a result of the usability workshop. This version will also include the updated maps. The Plan will be shared with Members before the next CMPP Members' meeting where Members will be asked to approve the Plan so it can be submitted to Marine Scotland for review.

4. EMFF project update

Update on CMPP film and project (This item was discussed before the public dialogue feedback) SM provided an update on the EMFF public engagement project. Weather permitting, filming will take place on the 27th and 28th February between Greenock and Troon. SM thanked Members that are taking part in the filming and also thanked HW for providing underwater footage. The film will be edited by the end of March and will then be shared with Members for approval.

On the production of three animations, last year, the Statement of Requirements (SoR) for the animations was circulated and tenders for this work were invited, but feedback was received that the budget was too low. Following discussions with the EMFF grants team to reallocate funding from within the project budget, the SoR was reissued with a request for quotes for this work to estimate a new cost; six suppliers returned quotes. SM completed the SNH procurement evaluation matrix and shared it with the Board for comments, the EMFF grants team will then also review the quotes received and will make a decision about the allocation of funding for this work. The length of the animations has been changed from 5 minutes to 3 minutes. CMPP Members are encouraged to provide ideas and content for the animations on climate change, marine litter and mobile species.

Action (4) – CMPP Board to respond to SM to confirm animation supplier by 28th February.
Action (5) – CMPP Members to share any input for the animations with SM.

SM will be attending these events over the coming months:

- Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park (LLTNP) Litter and Waste Summit – 11th March, 16:00 – 20:00 at LLTNP Headquarters, Balloch.
- RSPB event during British Science Week – 14th and 15th March, 13:00 – 16:00 at Kelvingrove Museum, Glasgow.
- Presentation to the RSPB Glasgow Local Group – 8th April, starting 19:30 at The Renfield St Stephen's Church Centre, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow.
- Information stall at Largs Yacht Haven – 11th and 12th April.
- Clydebuilt Festival – 19th and 20th September, in Glasgow.
- Scotland's Boatshow – 9th to 11th October at Kip Marine, Inverkip.

Public dialogue feedback
The Chair introduced Mike King (MK), from Resources for Change, who led on the public dialogue work that took place between November and December 2019 in Glasgow, Ayr and Dunoon. MK gave a presentation on the public dialogue process, the key themes that emerged from the conversations and recommendations for the CMPP to consider going forward. The presentation has been shared with CMPP Members and Board Members. A report on the public dialogue process, findings and recommendations is being finalised. Once ready, the report will be shared with Board Members who volunteered to review this, for it to be signed off. The report will then be available on the CMPP website.

Members discussed different ways of engaging with the public in the future, such as through community consultations, school visits, citizen assemblies, and agreed the CMPP should consider how public engagement will be structured in the future.

5. **Clyde 2020 update** (This item was discussed after item 3)

SS shared that the next Clyde 2020 meeting will take place on the 26th February. The previous meeting took place in October and included initial discussions on the future of Clyde 2020. The future of Clyde 2020 will be explored further at the upcoming meeting and input will also be sought on a proposal for the Ecosystem Protection and Enhancement Plan from the Action Plan. Members discussed the responsibilities of the CMPP and Clyde 2020 going forward and how these groups could be structured best to implement the Clyde Regional Marine Plan and deliver projects like those included in the Action Plan.

A bid was submitted to host a Clyde 2020 event as part of the Glasgow Science Festival that will also tie in with the Year of Coasts and Waters 2020. The bid was successful and SM will lead on organising an evening reception on the 4th June to showcase research in the Clyde.

6. **Members' updates**

Crown Estate Scotland – No update.

Argyll and Bute Council – The consultation on Local Development Plan 2 (LDP 2) has finished and responses are now being collated and addressed. Argyll and Bute Council are also responding to the consultation on the Draft Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy.

South Ayrshire Council – The consultation on LDP 2 closed in November 2019 and the Council is now collating responses. Changes will be reviewed in March and there will be a consultation on the

modified plan in June. The Council is anticipating getting through the examination stage around December 2020. Crown Estate Scotland revenue has been allocated to local authorities and the money should be used for marine projects. FM noted it would be useful to log how the money is being spent in relation to the Clyde Regional Marine Plan. Girvan Harbour has been fully dredged and ABP is improving the Ayr Harbour. A new economic strategy is being developed that focuses on improving marine resource use.

RSPB – Results of the RSPB's breeding seabird hotspot mapping work has been published on an open data portal. Sea Scotland will take place in Glasgow on the 8th-9th June and the theme of the conference is *Ocean-Based Solutions for the Sustainable Development Goals*. RSPB Scotland is organising a programme of youth events leading up to COP26 which will be launched during British Science Week in March. The basking shark is being used as a focal species for associated arts project, events, etc., which also fits in with the Year of Coasts and Waters. The RSPB will be attending Showcase Event: Make Space For Nature at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh.

Clydeplan – Work on an indicative Regional Spatial Strategy is ongoing and it will be submitted to Scottish Government in June 2020. Clydeplan is contributing towards developing the National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4). The draft NPF4 should be presented to Parliament in September 2020 and the Framework should be approved in 2021. Guidance for Regional Spatial Strategies will be provided once NPF4 is in place. The Clyde Mission was announced by the former Cabinet Secretary for Finance. It is unclear what the initiative will deliver but it will be place-based and drivers include inclusive economic growth, the climate emergency and maximising benefits through partnership working.

Clyde Fishermen's Association – A key concern at the moment is the market for shellfish post-Brexit. The coronavirus has also closed down several markets. The CFA is working on improving immigration policies and depopulation issues. Engagement with the Priority Marine Features review and the MarPAMM project is ongoing and the CFA is waiting for Scottish Government to publish the MPA socioeconomic review. The CFA is responding to the consultation on the Draft Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy where the area around Islay is a primary concern. The CFA is also trying to alter licensing regulations regarding cabling. A focus is being placed on supporting fishers and their mental health because fishers are suffering a lot at the moment.

Scottish Sea Angling Conservation Network – No update.

Royal Yachting Association Scotland – The updated Marine Tourism Strategy, 'Giant Strides', will be launched on the 11th March at the Marine Tourism Conference. The development of the strategy has been industry led and was put out for consultation at the end of 2019, closing early 2020. It focuses more on people, places and experiences instead of infrastructure, which was the focus of the previous strategy.

Scottish Salmon Company – SSC has one active finfish farm application in the Clyde for a new site and another active application for an expansion. The CMPP's response to a recent planning application, albeit with standard wording pending the marine plan being in place, was a welcome sign of integrating marine and terrestrial planning.

COAST – The marine centre remains busy. Trials are being run with the underwater ROV to capture biodiversity data in the No Take Zone and the South Arran Marine Protected Area (MPA). COAST is participating in the PMF and MPA reviews and is engaging with Marine Scotland to ensure upcoming demersal surveys do not include trawling through the MPA. The North Arran salmon farm campaign is ongoing. The success story of the No Take Zone has been published in Frontiers in Marine Science;

the University of York produced a film associated with this story and the story has also been shared in the press. COAST are looking at initiatives around Arran for activities to run during COP26 but nothing has been finalised yet. FM pointed out that there are a couple of inaccuracies in the paper about the CMPP and Clyde 2020 so CMPP staff will contact the lead author and request corrections.

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park – The Park is hosting a Litter and Waste Summit on the 11th March. The Outdoor Recreation Delivery Plan is being reviewed and finalised based on consultation feedback. The Plan should be ready to be submitted to the Board in June for sign off. There is funding available to deliver indicative Regional Spatial Strategies so LLTNP are considering how the Park's Partnership Plan could be used as a Regional Spatial Strategy.

Clydeport Operations Ltd. – Through the beneficial uses of dredged materials project, a trial is being considered to protect eroded saltmarsh from further erosion, by placing dredged materials in front of the saltmarsh and on mudflats of the estuary to act as sacrificial material, thus protecting carbon stores. Clydeport is also exploring the possibility of running workshops, during COP26, on nature-based solutions for ports and organising fieldtrips to pilot sites for the beneficial use of dredged materials, if they are already in place.

7. AOB

CES Shellfish Critical Mass Pilot Project – Clyde
Information on this project, alongside the published report, can be found here.

Argyll and Bute Council Seaweed Farming Feasibility Study
Information on this study, alongside the published report, can be found here.

Loch Fyne Marine Biosecurity Plan
SS updated Members on the Loch Fyne Marine Biosecurity Plan that is being developed. Some Members expressed the importance of following best practice guidance, regardless of whether invasive species are currently present, and suggested that a national biosecurity plan would be appropriate. PHa noted that the Scottish Salmon Company is sharing Loch Fyne environmental data with Marine Scotland. Electronic copies of an updated Marine Scotland information sheet and poster on *Didemnum vexillum* are available; please let SS know if you would like a copy.

Irish Sea Maritime Forum
AG informed Members that CMPP staff attended the most recent Steering Group meeting for the Irish Sea Maritime Forum (ISMF) and joined the Forum subject to Members' approval. The Forum is made up of researchers and practitioners from Ireland, Wales, Northern Ireland and represents opportunities for transnational work. Members agreed to join the Irish Sea Maritime Forum.

8. DONM

Members agreed to cancel the Members' meeting on the 28th April. The next Members' meeting will be mid-May. A doodle poll will be shared with Members. The usability workshop will take place on the 24th March.

9. Summary of action points

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Summary of discussion points agreed:

- Members agreed to the key changes made to the Clyde Regional Marine Plan.
- Members agreed to join the Irish Sea Maritime Forum.