Members' Meeting Agenda:

13th May 2020

Online meeting

	Item	Time	Lead
	Virtual teas/coffees & connect to meeting space	10:15-10:30	All
1.	**Welcome and apologies**	10:30-10:40	Chair
2.	**Review of action points from last meeting**	10:40-10:45	Chair
3.	**Governance update** • Changes to CMPP Members • New applications for Membership	10:45-11:15	Chair and All
4.	**Plan development update** • Update on work since February and maps • Discussion and approval of Plan • Assessments, SPP and work plan and consultation preparations **Maps, assessments, SPP, work plan and consultation preparations were discussed after lunch**	11:15-11:30 11:30-12:00 12:00-12:30	Fiona Mills/ Madlaina Michelotti Chair and All Sinead Sheridan/ MM
Lunch		**12:30-13:15**	
5.	**EMFF Project update**	13:15-13:30	Sam McFarlane
6.	**Clyde 2020 update**	13:30-13:50	Sinead Sheridan
7.	**Members' updates**	13:50-14:20	All
8.	**Sustainable Management of UK Marine Resources**	14:20-14:40	Chair
9.	**AOB** • Voluntary Loch Fyne Biosecurity Plan	14:40-14:45	All
10.	**DONM** • 15th September 2020 – This meeting will also be the Annual Members' meeting.	14:45-14:50	All
11.	**Close**	15:00	Chair

Minutes of the CMPP Members' Meeting

13th May 2020

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Chair: Anthony Gallagher (AG)

Present: Voting Members
Catherine Lambert (CL), Clydeplan
Christina Sinclair (CS), Field Studies Council
Elaine Whyte (EW), Clyde Fishermen's Association
David Hearton (DH), South Ayrshire Council
Derek Manson (DM), Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park (left after item 4)
Graham Russell (GR), Royal Yachting Association Scotland
Jan Brooke (JB), Clydeport Operations Ltd.
Jim Miller (JM), North Ayrshire Council
Kerry Wallace (KW), Scottish Natural Heritage
Lorraine Holdstock (LH), Argyll and Bute Council
Lucy Kay (LK), Community of Arran Seabed Trust
Lisa Reilly (LR), Clydeport Operations Ltd. (joined after lunch)
Paul Bancks (PB), Crown Estate Scotland
Simon Macdonald (SM), West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group (joined for item 4)
Zoe Clelland (ZC), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Present: Others
Alex Watson-Crook (AWC), Board Member
Fiona Mills (FM), CMPP staff
Howard Wood (HW), Board Member
Ian Black (IB), Marine Scotland
Madlaina Michelotti (MM), CMPP staff
Peter Henderson (PH) Board Member (left during item 4)
Samantha McFarlane (SM), CMPP staff
Sinéad Sheridan (SS), CMPP staff

Apologies:
Calum Duncan, Scottish Environment LINK
David Adams McGilp, VisitScotland
David Kinniburgh, Board Member
Klaire Chamberlain, Caledonian MacBrayne
Penny Hawdon, The Scottish Salmon Company
Richard Millar, Scottish Canals
Roy Richardson, Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Willie Kennedy, Scottish Sea Angling Conservation Network

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the online meeting and thanked Members for participating. Apologies were noted 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
01/25/02/2020	Add new policies to climate change and natural heritage chapters.	FM – Completed
02/25/02/2020	Check all issues identified in the Assessment have supporting policy.	MM – Completed
03/25/02/2020	Submit minor comments in writing to CMPP staff by the 11th March so the Plan can be amended accordingly.	CMPP Members - Completed
04/25/02/2020	Respond to SM to confirm animation supplier by the 28th February.	CMPP Board – Completed
05/25/02/2020	Share any input for the animations with SM.	CMPP Members – Completed

3. Governance update

The Chair shared that there have been two changes in CMPP Members. Alastair McNeill has withdrawn his membership due to health reasons and Paul Chandler has left COAST so is no longer representing COAST on the partnership. LK is attending the meeting today but CMPP staff are waiting for confirmation on who will be representing COAST going forward. The Chair thanked Alastair and Paul for their valuable support and commitment throughout plan development.

Two applications to join the CMPP were received which were included in the meeting papers for Members to review. Applications were received from:

1) Simon Macdonald, Chair of the West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group for membership as an individual,
2) Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd. (CMAL)

Members agreed to allow both applicants to join the partnership. No objections to Chair of WCRIFG application and voted on CMAL – nine votes in favour.

Action (1) – CMPP staff and Chair to inform applicants of their successful applications to join the CMPP.

4. Plan development update

FM thanked all Members for their valuable contributions towards plan development. FM explained the main changes, based on Members' feedback, that have and have not been made to the Plan since February. The following further changes were suggested and agreed by Members:

- Change 1: Amend "positive effects on biodiversity from developments" to "positive effects on biodiversity".
- Change 2: Change title from "Proportionate application of policies" to "Application of policies" and amend paragraph, especially the second sentence – "Not all policies will be relevant to all proposals; applications should provide *sufficient and appropriate* supporting information..."
- Change 3: Amend Objective NH 1 to "The overall health of marine and coastal ecosystems of the Clyde Marine Region, *and the ecosystem services they support*, …"
- Change 4: Amend fisheries objectives as follows and include a note about quality assured/verifiable data in objective FISH 6 in line with other objectives:

  Objective FISH 5: Fisheries spatial management protects and enhances areas of importance to fisheries activities, including critical fish habitats such as nursery and spawning grounds.

  Objective FISH 6: Knowledge and data on fish stocks and areas of importance to fisheries activities are improved within the Clyde Marine Region to inform sustainable fisheries and to ensure that interactions with other marine users are well managed.
- Change 5: Keep Objective FISH 1 as it is but amend the wording in policy FISH 1 so that it is in line with the Future of Fisheries Management in Scotland: National Discussion Paper with reference to 'moving towards' MSY and using MSY ranges.
- Change 6: Remove "particularly" from the start of policy FISH 1.
- Change 7: Reword policy FISH 2 so that it is in line with the other policies in the Plan – "Scientific research and practical measures to enable fisheries management…will be supported. This includes…" Move the first three lines of the current wording to the end.
- Change 8: Remove "any future legislation" from policy FISH 3 and change the policy to a recommendation.

- Change 9: Amend natural heritage and climate change policy to reflect discussion on recognising the measures that can be taken which fall in between protection and enhancement. Whether restore would be suitable to use was discussed and alternative words were suggested such as recreating, reinstating, rehabilitating, reintroducing habitats/species. Some Members thought that the Plan should recognise that some habitats have been lost and these cannot be enhanced but they can be restored.
- Change 10: Remove "by the relevant authority or owner" from rSCAPE 1.
- Change 11: Amend policy NH 1(c) to "no significant residual impacts on *MPAs, PMFs and other protected species and habitats*."
- Change 12: Amend policy NH 3 to "Development(s) and/or activities are encouraged to enhance the Region's environment, habitats and species and they will only be supported where they demonstrate consideration of the following measures:"
- Change 13: Improve clarity of policy ML 3.
- Change 14: Include seafood and the Field Studies Council and environmental/wildlife in the context of the tourism chapter.
- Change 15: Reflect wildlife and ecotourism in the SRT policy.
- Change 16: Include a few sentences to explain that Ministry of Defence operations are out with the Plan's remit.
- Change 17: Amend objective DEF 1 to "Operations of…are *undertaken* in the Clyde Marine Region" and amend policy DEF 1 to "*any* increased level".
- Change 18: Change the link on page 20 for the A&B LDP to the one that is on page 88.
- Change 19: Amend policy SCAPE 2(b) to "*National* Scenic Area".
- Change 20: Amend wording on page 113 and page 117 related to EIAs. LH to send wording.
- Change 21: Add link that is missing on page 114 for the Marine Scotland Science Fish Health Inspectorate.
- Change 22: Delete "consult Historic Environment Scotland" in Annex 2 relating to Gardens & Designed Landscapes.

Action (2) – FM to amend the draft Plan based on the agreed changes 1-22.

Other discussion points to note:

- Any future work on landscape/seascape should be aligned between marine and land use planning to avoid confusion between the different terminology currently used.
- The CMPP should be aware of the ongoing PMF review and how it may affect/influence the Plan going forward.
- FM reminded Members that the Plan will be shared with Marine Scotland for review before it goes out for consultation.
- LK, coming new to the Plan, commented that while there are positive policies in the Plan, they do not go far enough to address issues identified in the Assessment and it is important not to lose sight of these issues.
- ZC believes this version of the Plan does not meet the Plan's vision yet and will not deliver the change we need to meet the vision. However, this document will be helpful for the future. Agreeing on the Plan and working collaboratively, despite having different perspectives and ideologies, are also important steps.
- CMPP Members thanked CMPP staff for their hard work and for considering all stakeholder feedback.

The Chair thanked Members for their helpful feedback during this discussion and asked Members whether they agree to submit the Plan to Marine Scotland for review once the agreed changes have been made; Members agreed.

Maps
MM explained that several maps, including a list of outstanding changes, were included in the version of the Plan Members received. Some of these outstanding changes have since been completed. However, due to challenges associated with working from home, not all of the maps will be complete when the Plan is submitted to Marine Scotland. The maps will be completed over the summer before consultation. MM thanked the SNH GIS team for their continued support and hard work. MM reminded members to submit any comments on the maps via email by the 15th May.

Action (3) – CMPP Members to send comments on maps by the 15th May.

Assessments
MM updated Members on the ongoing work to complete the supporting assessments. The draft Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) and Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) was shared with Members. MM reminded members to submit any comments on the draft CRWIA and EQIA via email by the 15th May.

Action (4) – CMPP Members to send comments on the draft CRWIA and EQIA by the 15th May.

The draft CRWIA consists of completed stage 1 which concludes that none of the objectives/policies in the Plan will have an adverse impact on children/young people so a CRWIA will not be required. Relevant youth organisations will be engaged during the consultation to ensure their views on the Plan and the CRWIA are included. Although the main focus of the CRWIA is to ensure there are no adverse impacts on children/young people, Members thought there should be a stronger focus on the Plan's positive impacts on children and young people. More information on the positive impacts will be added to the context and section 5.

Action (5) – MM to include more information on the Plan's positive impacts on children and young people in the context and section 5 of the CRWIA.

Based on the data gathered and the information obtained from the pre-consultation, it is anticipated that a light touch approach can be taken with the EQIA because the Plan does not disproportionately discriminate against people with protected characteristics. The draft EQIA will be updated after the consultation to capture feedback from engagement with specific equality and diversity organisations and consultation responses. Ensuring that the Plan document is accessible was raised as a key equality issue, e.g. will the final document be compatible with assistive technology?

Action (6) – MM to identify process for checking that the Plan document is accessible to people with disabilities.

The other assessments (Sustainability Appraisal-Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats Regulation Appraisal and Business Regulatory Impact Assessment) are currently being updated and completed and will be shared with Members via email by the end of May for comments. The Islands Community Impact Assessment will probably also be required but we are awaiting publication of guidance.

SPP and work plan
SS explained that the SPP and work plan are ready but have not been shared with Members because the timeline will likely be impacted by COVID-19.

Consultation preparations
SS updated Members that CMPP staff are preparing a Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) with Marine Scotland (MS) to enable all the consultation responses to be shared between Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and MS to inform whether an independent review is required. Scottish Ministers and the CMPP must decide jointly whether an independent review is required; in the event of disagreement, Scottish Ministers make the final decision. SNH is the signatory on the DSA, acting on behalf of the CMPP and its public authorities because all data is stored on SNH systems and CMPP staff are employed by SNH.

The agreement between the CMPP and the public authority Members in relation to the consultation is still in place and public authorities are still required to provide links on their websites to the CMPP website to publicise the consultation. The agreement is available to read here.

5. EMFF project update

SM informed Members that two successful filming days were completed in February for the film on regional marine planning in the Clyde. Film editing has been put on hold due to COVID-19 so the film is now expected to be completed by July. Work on the animations is ongoing and the animations are also expected by July. The film and animations will be shared with Members for approval. All the planned events for spring and summer have either been cancelled or postponed.

6. Clyde 2020 update

SS updated Members on the last Clyde 2020 meeting which was held in February. The main focus of the meeting was to continue the discussion on the future of Clyde 2020. The group looked at how they could contribute to plan development and delivering the CMPP's Action Plan in the future; there was a specific interest in delivering parts of the action plan. A workshop session took place which focused on different aspects of delivering the Ecosystem Protection and Enhancement Plan. Feedback from this session will be considered when deciding on future work. Over the summer, CMPP staff will develop a proposal that identifies how stakeholders will be involved in delivering future work, including how the CMPP and Clyde 2020 can be structured to deliver this work best. CMPP staff will present a draft to Members at the next CMPP Members' meeting. The proposal will also be discussed with MS.

Action (7) – CMPP staff to develop a draft proposal for how the CMPP and Clyde 2020 will be structured in the future.

At the last Clyde 2020 meeting, Lynda Blackadder (Marine Scotland Science) updated Clyde 2020 Members on the Marine Scotland Science scallop survey; the presentation was very well received. There are plans for another survey to take place in the autumn, however this may be affected by the current lockdown. Ongoing surveys are appreciated and they could help develop a scallop stock assessment in the future.

7. Members' updates

Crown Estate Scotland – The Corporate Plan for 2020-23 has been published and it outlines what the organisation intends to do over the next three years. CES continues to be involved with the beneficial use of dredged materials initiative.

Argyll and Bute Council – The Council is starting the Schedule 4 Local Development Plan 2 examination phase for the Scottish Government Reporter and continue to review planning applications.

South Ayrshire Council – Local Development Plan 2 has been modified following the consultation. The Council is planning a second round of consultation on the updated Plan but the timeline for this is currently unknown due to COVID-19.

RSPB – The RSPB is busy with COVID-19 planning; such as closing all nature reserves at the start of lockdown, organising staff work as approximately 50 % of staff have been furloughed, and planning for a recovery.

Clydeplan – The indicative Regional Spatial Strategy (iRSS) was considered by the Clydeplan Joint Committee and will be considered later in June by the Glasgow City Region Cabinet and the Glasgow City Regional Partnership in advance of it being submitted to the Scottish Government by the end of June in support of the development of NPF4. The iRSS is based on the existing Strategic Development Plan's Strategic Development Strategy (SDS) as this was only approved in 2017. It is considered to be a refinement; not a fundamental change. The SDS, or Spatial Investment Framework (SIF) as it is now being referred to still focusses on the key spatial priorities from the SDS (now SIF) associated with the River Clyde and M8 Corridor. In addition, there is reference to the Clyde Mission – Clyde Corridor as a proposed National Development.

Field Studies Council – The centre is closed until the foreseeable future. The FSC are looking at creating remote courses for students.

COAST – The Octopus Centre is closed and staff are all working at home. A lot of COAST's work is ongoing but many activities have been put on hold. LK will be representing COAST in the interim until any future decisions are made around staff recruitment.

Clydeport Operations Ltd. – There is a meeting on the beneficial use of dredged materials on the 15th May to discuss a trial site at Langdyke. Sam McFarlane will be providing public engagement support with the project going forward.

Scottish Natural Heritage – SNH is focussing on contributing towards the green recovery that is needed coming out of the pandemic. Any future developments in the Clyde will need to be cognizant of this green recovery which the Clyde Regional Marine Plan will help deliver.

WCRIFG – No updates.

Clyde Fishermen's Association – The CFA has been very busy at the moment and unfortunately most members have been without a wage for approximately six weeks. There has been very little capacity for continued fishing due to limited storage as a result of Brexit preparations. Scottish Government has now issued financial support for the fishing industry to help the fisheries sector through the COVID-19 pandemic. The CFA has been made aware of a new 3nm limit campaign.

Royal Yachting Association Scotland – A lot of work is going on behind the scenes to establish how we can return to the water safely. RYAS is working with other organisations to ensure a collaborative approach is taken.

North Ayrshire Council – All staff are working from home and the Council envisages that staff will probably work differently in the future. The Council have not been able to convene a planning committee meeting yet but there will likely be a virtual meeting before the summer. The deadline for the submission of the Ayrshire Regional Spatial Strategy has slipped. NAC has proposed Hunterston as a national development during the NPF 4 call for ideas.

Marine Scotland – No updates.

8. Sustainable Management of UK Marine Resources

The Chair updated Members on a new funding programme that has been in development over the last 6 months by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) – Sustainable Management of UK Marine Resources (SMMR). This programme is a novel approach for research council funding as it provides funding for the use of existing data to support better management of marine resources. The call for projects is anticipated to be published over the next week with an initial Expression of Interest to be completed by end of June and proposal submission is expected in October 2020. The funding programme will fund six projects, each worth £1.5million, for three years. Of those six projects, the one that is likely to deliver the most benefits will receive another £2.5million for another year. CMPP staff think this funding could be an excellent opportunity to deliver some of the aspects of the CMPP's Action Plan and wanted to discuss this with Members to ensure they support the decision of submitting a project proposal. CMPP staff have been collaborating with Mike Heath at the University of Strathclyde to discuss what a proposal could look like and who should be involved. There would be an opportunity for various Members to be involved in the project.

Members were supportive of getting involved in this funding programme as it could provide an excellent opportunity for the partnership to deliver the next stages of regional spatial planning as highlighted in the Action Plan. It was noted that it is important to connect with ongoing work by MS and the IFGs. There are also many conservation scientists in Scotland that could be valuable, especially as they have experience with submitting NERC proposals. Members thought this funding programme could allow the CMPP to address challenging questions, such as thinking about restoration and what it could mean in the Clyde, and supporting work in the Action Plan.

Action (8) – CMPP staff and Chair to work with University of Strathclyde towards submitting an EoI for the SMMR programme.

9. AOB

Voluntary Loch Fyne Marine Biosecurity Plan

The Voluntary Loch Fyne Marine Biosecurity Plan is now available on the Marine Scotland website and has been referenced in the Clyde Regional Marine Plan.

10. DONM

The next CMPP Members' meeting will be on the 15th September 2020. This meeting will also be the Annual Members' meeting.

11. Summary of action points

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07/13/05/2020	Develop a draft proposal for how the CMPP and Clyde 2020 will be structured in the future.	CMPP staff
08/13/05/2020	Work with University of Strathclyde towards submitting an EoI for the SMMR programme	CMPP staff and Chair

Summary of discussion points agreed:

- Members agreed to allow Simon Macdonald, individual Member representing the WCRIFG, and Caledonia Maritime Assets Ltd. to join the CMPP.
- Members agreed to submit the draft Plan to Marine Scotland once the agreed changes have been addressed.
- Members agreed that CMPP staff should progress with completing a proposal to submit to the SMMR funding programme.