# Members' Meeting Agenda:
# 9th December 2021
Online meeting

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| | Item | Time | Lead |
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| **1.** | **Welcome and apologies** | 10.30-10.35 | Chair |
| **2.** | **Chairman's Report** | 10:35-10:40 | Chair |
| **3.** | **Review of action points from last meeting** | 10:40-10.50 | Chair/CC |
| **4.** | **Public Consultation Plan** | 10.50-11.20 | SMcF |
| **5.** | **Overview of Future Governance workshops** | 1120-12.00 | CC |
| **6.** | **Members' updates** | 12.00-12.40 | All |
| **7.** | **AOB** | 12.40-12.50 | CC/All |
| **8.** | **DONM**<br>• Governance Workshops: 20th and 26th January 2022<br>• Members' meeting: 1st March 2022 | 12.50-13.00 | Chair |
| **9.** | **Close** | 13.00 | Chair |

Note – The members' meeting started at 10am and finished at 12.30.

# Minutes of the CMPP Members' Meeting
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**Chair:** Anthony Gallagher (AG)

**Present: Voting Members**

Graham Russell (GR), Royal Yachting Association Scotland
Fiona Mills (FM), NatureScot
Ruth McIntosh (RM), Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited
Catherine Lambert (CL), Clydeplan
Derek Manson (DM), Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park
Lorraine Holdstock (LH), Argyll and Bute Council
Lucy Kay (LK), COAST
Jan Brooke (JB), PeelPorts
Thom Ledingham (TL), North Ayrshire Council
Calum Duncan (CD), Scottish Environment LINK
Paul Bancks (PB), Crown Estate Scotland
Elaine Whyte (EW), Clyde Fishermen's Association
Simon MacDonald (SM), West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group
Lisa Reilly (LR), PeelPorts

**Present: Non-Voting Members**

Chris Cutts (CC), CMPP Staff
Sam McFarlane (SMcF), CMPP Staff
Fiona Munro (FMun), Marine Scotland
Alex Watson-Crook (AWC), Board
Howard Wood (HW), Board
Charlie Simcox (CS), Board

**Apologies:**

David Denoon (DD), Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Zoe Clelland (ZC), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
Penny Hawdon (PH), The Scottish Salmon Company
David Hearton (DH), South Ayrshire Council
Richard Millar (RM), Scottish Canals
Ian Cochrane (IC), Board
David Kinniburgh (DK), Board

### 1. Welcome and apologies:

The Chair noted that Jim Miller had to leave the meeting following the AGM.

### 2. Chairman's Report

The Chair explained that this meeting was rather light in content in comparison to the previous two meetings – this is reflective of where we are at the moment in plan development. The draft Regional Marine Plan has not been included as an agenda item in today's meeting as we are about to submit the second iteration to Marine Scotland within the next week.

### 3. Review of action points from last meeting

| Reference | Summary | Status |
|---|---|---|
| 02/21/09/2021 | All members to provide feedback on response to MS comments by 5th October. | Complete |
| 03/21/09/2021 | LH to enquire if Argyll and Bute Council could potentially hold the CMPP funds | Complete, Argyll and |

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| | | Bute Council will hold funds. |
| 04/21/09/2021 | CMPP to send draft memorandum of understanding to the partnership to allow other local councils to see what the agreement involves. | Complete |
| 05/21/09/2021 | CMPP to begin proceedings for a Governance workshop | Ongoing |
| 06/21/09/2021 | Chair to contact PB regarding further information on a possible project conducted by ABPMer on fisheries in the Clyde that is to be funded by Crown Estate Scotland. | Complete |
| 07/21/09/2021 | Members to provide any comment on the Aquaculture Review Letter | Complete |
| 08/21/09/2021 | LH to forward on comments from the LA's regarding the Aquaculture Response. | Complete |
| 09/21/09/2021 | CC to send some more information to DD regarding the river activation application | Complete |
| 10/21/09/2021 | CMPP to contact CCCC with the result of the observer decision | Complete |

## 4. Public Consultation Plan

Although timings will be dependent on the return of the most recent iteration of the Plan from Marine Scotland and sign off by ministers, the CMPP staff have started to plan for virtual and in person public engagement events.

SMcF talked the members through the draft consultation plan that was provided with the meeting papers. It was noted that despite the number of events held during the pre-consultation stage, responses from individuals were quite low. This illustrates the challenges of engaging the public with marine planning.

SMcF asked CMPP members for feedback on any locations, stakeholder groups or event types etc. that we should target in order to increase engagement during the public consultation.

Key discussion points:

- Responses to the ECCLR report highlight missed opportunities when engaging with the public during the pre-consultation.
- Lack of response may have been due to the perception that we were only "en route" with the pre-consultation plan and people may have preferred to wait to respond to the finished draft.
- We should not underestimate the difficulties in responding to what is a very large document. We need to make the process easier for people to respond.
- Consultation feedback could be broken down to particular issues rather than having to read the entire document.
- We should have an option for people to respond even if they are satisfied with the plan - we don't want the perception that stakeholders can only respond if they have something to critique. This will allow us to capture additional responses.
- We could have a short briefing document at the start of the consultation on the plan itself which then signposts to specific areas that the public might want to look at.

- Staff time and resources during consultation feedback – could we pick up an undergraduate student/intern to help review the comments from the general public as part of a dissertation?
- We need to be mindful of locations and make sure that we are including different types of location and demographics e.g. different fishing villages. There needs to be a good spread and not focussed too heavily on one area.
- When taking a sectoral approach we need to make sure that we don't focus too heavy on one sector and not another.
- Should members feeding back on what they will do within their organisation to publicise the consultation be part of the formal consultation plan?
- The wording of the initial notice that goes out (in newspapers for e.g.) needs to make sense to the general public as they might not be aware of what regional marine planning is. The nature of the language we have suggested for our Twitter feed is much more "digestible" to the general public.
- Rather than quoting sections of the plan in our consultation questions we should be asking the reader "how will this affect you".

Action – CMPP staff to touch base with CL and TL once we have more of a plan in place to gauge their opinions. They have experience in consultations processes within their local authority areas such as LDP's.

**5. Overview of Future Governance Workshops**

CC briefly discussed the governance paper that was circulated to members during the previous meeting and highlighted the four aspects of the paper; governance structure, legal structure, housing requirements and staffing requirements.

It was decided to concentrate on governance structure only for the workshops as finances and housing are currently being taken care of between Argyll and Bute Council and NatureScot. Staffing requirements are a perennial issue that can be dealt with at a later date.

Governance structure is the more pressing issue at the moment regarding how the partnership will respond to licence applications once the plan has been implemented.

The workshops will include three breakout sessions each with a specific question that we ask members to discuss within their breakout groups. We plan to have 20 delegates per workshop which equates to four breakout groups per session which allows for small numbers to facilitate discussions.

Session 1 – Feedback on the current structure
Session 2 – Key components and characteristics of the partnership going forward (options will be given to be considered)
Session 3 – How will the new structure operate in terms of the options provided?

**No decision will be made during the workshop on the future governance structure**. Discussions will be compiled and brought to members at the next CMPP meeting.

Key discussion points:

- Going forward we have two components of the plan; responding as a statutory consultee and delivery of the action plan. Must make it clear at the workshop that these elements have to be separated. Best to make this point clear during the initial introduction to the workshop?
- We have an opportunity with the future governance structure to be more inclusive.

- Questions will be sent out to members two weeks before the workshop to allow them time to digest the information.

**6. Members' updates**

*Scottish Environment LINK* – Currently processing the outcome of COP26. Looking towards future rounds of MPA management and designation. MCS have reported on the finds of the Great British Beach Clean events.

*Clybeplan* – Draft NPF4 has been published https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotland-2045-fourth-national-planning-framework-draft/pages/1/ Deadline for responses 31st March 2022. Clydeplan are working with their 8 local authorities to put together a joint response. A number of Parliamentary committees are to scrutinise National Planning Framework https://archive2021.parliament.scot/newsandmediacentre/117525.aspx they want to hear from you about how communities should be planned, with a view to tackling major issues such as the climate emergency and nature crisis, while supporting community wealth building and wider sustainable economic growth. Members of the public are invited to give their views on the Framework via: https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees/current-and-previous-committees/session-6-local-government-housing-and-planning/business-items/national-planning-framework The deadline for responses to the above is Monday 10 January 2022. Glasgow City Region Regional Economic Strategy launched on 7th December https://glasgowcityregion.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/GCR-EconomicStrategy-Final.pdf

The Chair asked members if they felt that the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership should put in a repose to NPF4 and it was agreed that we should.

Action – CMPP to draft a response to NPF4

*LLTNP* – Number of internal workshops coming up around NPF4 to gather thinking from staff and implications for their next local development plan.

*NatureScot* - NatureScot Research Report 1286 - Seagrass restoration in Scotland - handbook and guidance. This handbook has been developed by NatureScot in collaboration with Scottish Government (Marine Scotland) and Project Seagrass to inform and guide potential seagrass restoration projects in Scotland. https://www.nature.scot/doc/naturescot-research-report-1286-seagrass-restoration-scotland-handbook-and-guidance
Restoration Handbooks published to give best practice advice on creating new estuarine and coastal habitats https://www.gov.uk/government/news/restoration-handbooks-published-to-give-best-practice-advice-on-creating-new-estuarine-and-coastal-habitats
Nature fund awards £5m to tackle biodiversity loss and climate change. In the first round of funding awards, a total of £5m will be shared between 54 projects from all over Scotland https://www.nature.scot/nature-fund-awards-ps5m-tackle-biodiversity-loss-and-climate-change

*Marine Scotland* – Have just processed the second instalment of funding payments last week so we should have those in 5 days. Recruitment is ongoing for Damon's post and the team is expanding to work on Scotland related work and marine planning. Number of new posts being interviewed for right now. Damon's post will not be directly replaced but there will be someone to replace the work Aisling was doing. Fiona remains our main contact. Should be publishing a response to the ECCLR report in the New Year and also a response to the review of the National Marine Plan.

The question was asked if the review of the National Marine Plan does indeed require a new Plan, how this will affect our current Regional Marine Plan. MS informed us to continue to develop our RMP in line with the current NMP.

*RYA Scotland* – Have been in discussions with a seaweed farm in Argyll regarding how these schemes could minimise the impact on recreational boating. Large amount of interest in alternative propulsion systems for recreational boats such as electric propulsion and the use of hydrated vegetable oil as a direct replacement for diesel. Interest in the W1 windfarm area west of Isla which *may* have a shore base at Hunterston.

*Argyll and Bute Council* – No change to the LDP2 stage. They will also be providing a planning policy response to NPF4. Responding to the consultation from SEPA on protecting Scotland's wild salmon regarding the transfer of responsibility of sea lice and EMP'S. This will be moving from the council to SEPA's jurisdiction.

*PeelPorts* – Peel hosted an international workshop on climate change adaptation for ports at COP26. Over 300 participants from 50+ countries. Launched their Sediment Management Pledge. Regarding ClydePort lots of work on licencing coming through again post Covid. From the environmental side they hope to have another meeting soon regarding the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Working Group. Continuing with biosecurity measures and developing risk assessments to feed into their biosecurity plan.

*COAST* - The appeal by the Scottish Salmon Company of the North Ayrshire Planning decision to refuse planning permission for the proposed open cage salmon farm at Millstone Point, NE Arran was dismissed. We have been fortunate to be able to have the COAST Discovery Centre open throughout the summer period with measures in place to comply with Scottish Government Covid requirements. This has meant fewer activities with restricted numbers, but we have had a lot of visitors and the Centre is proving to be a popular component of the tourism draw for the island.

*Crowne Estate Scotland* – Signed a memorandum of understanding with North Ayrshire Council in 2020 to work on projects of mutual benefit such as marine tourism initiatives. Part funded a post to look at how marine tourism in North Ayrshire could be sustainably developed. As CES are a commercial land owner they raise revenue which is passed to Scottish Government and redistributed to local authorities. This year has seen a change to the formula in how that revenue is distributed to local authorities (potential to get more money). Details can be found on the Scottish Government website.

*CMAL* – Making way on their development of the Gourock Ferry Terminal. Have provided a PowerPoint presentation which is included within the minutes. Are currently starting a project known as the "Small Vessel Replacement Programme" which looks to replace the smaller "loch" class ferries around the network. Looking towards becoming more electric.

*WCRIFG* – Issues regarding proposals of large scale seaweed farms within the Clyde around the south east of Arran. Potential problems for entanglement of not just fishing boats but also various cruise ships and submarines. Also poses problems to the various regattas which take place within the Clyde. Proposals have been dismissed. IFG's are now starting to be consulted regarding the development of fish farms. Worries around the proposals for HPMA's (highly protected marine areas). If an extra 10% of the waters are to be taken up by HPMA's it could be devastating for fishers' in the Clyde.

*North Ayrshire Council* – Planning department has published its development plan scheme since the last meeting. It details when they hope to update their local development plan. Will be conducting a council wide response to NPF4. CARR licence has been submitted for a new fish farm off the Isle of Cumbrae but as yet no planning application has been submitted.

*CFA* – Agreed with comments made by the WCRIFG regarding further closures for HPMA's. Would like to see scientific evaluations of the current MPA's before introducing anymore sudden closures.

**8. DONM**

Tuesday 1st March 2022

**9. Close**

Summary of Action Points

| Reference | Summary | Lead |
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| 01/09/12/2021 | CMPP to touch base with CL and TL regarding the consultation process within LA's | CMPP staff |
| 02/09/12/2021 | CMPP to respond to NPF4 | Chris |