Firth of Clyde Forum Core Group – Final Meeting

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First meeting of the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership

10th February 2016, 11.00am – 15.55pm

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Agenda

		Time	Lead
1.	**Welcome and Apologies**	11.00	Isabel Glasgow
2.	**Minutes and Action Points from last meeting**	11.10	IG
3.	**Project Update** - Marine recreation and tourism survey - Clyde 2020 - Sea level rise	11.20	Fiona Mills & Sarah Brown
4.	**Updates from Core Group members**	11.45	All
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5.	**CMPP** - **Constitution** – Adoption and signature as appropriate - **Transition update** - **Group photo**	12.15	All
Lunch		**13.15**	
6.	**Draft Direction -** Discussion	14:00	All
7.	**CMPP work plan for marine plan development 2016-2018**	14.30	FM
8.	**Local Authority engagement event**	14.50	IG and Morag Campbell
9.	**Assessment** - Review of all chapters drafted so far - Update on progress of Productive section	15.20	FM, SB & Sinead Sheridan
10.	**Any other business**	15.40	All
11.	**Future meeting dates** (including CMPP Annual Members Meeting to elect further Partnership Board members)	15.50	All
12.	**Close**	15.55	All

Minutes of the Firth of Clyde Forum Core Group Meeting
10 February 2016
Clydeplan Office, 125 West Regent Street

PRESENT
Arthur Keller (AK), SNH
Brian Forrest (BFt), Peel Ports Clydeport
Brian Fulton (BFn), CalMac
David Adams-McGilp (DAM), Visit Scotland
Elaine Whyte (EW), CFA
Fiona Mills (FM), FoCF
Isabel Glasgow (IG), FoCF Chair
Jan Brooke (JB), Peel Ports Clydeport
John Esslemont (JE), South Ayrshire Council
Lorna Spencer (LS), CMAL
Mark Steward (MS), A&B Council
Michelle McGuckin (MM), Clydeplan
Morag Campbell (MC), Marine Scotland
Paul Bancks (PB), The Crown Estate
Philip Cowie (PC), Field Studies Council
Rebecca Dean (RD), The Scottish Salmon Company
Rhona Fairgrieve (RF), Scottish Coastal Forum
Roger Horne (RH), Peel Ports Clydeport
Sarah Brown (SB), FoCF
Shirley Curran (SC), South Ayrshire Council
Simon Limb (SL), British Marine Scotland
Sinead Sheridan (SS), FoCF
Wendy Geary (WG), Marine Scotland

APOLOGIES
Dan Moncrieff (DM) Field Studies Council
Graham Russell (GR), RYAS
Olivia Burns (OB), LLTNP
Zoe Clelland (ZC), RSPB

1) **Welcome and apologies -** IG welcomed everyone to the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.
2) **Minutes and action points from last meeting -** The minutes of the previous meeting (7th October 2015) were accepted by the Core Group.

Action points from the previous meeting:

Reference	Summary	Lead
01/07/10/2015	Re-write the draft Constitution, taking into account new information from Marine Scotland and based on meetings discussion.	FM – Completed
02/07/10/2015	The resulting draft to be circulated to members of the Core Group who should respond and send in comments via email, so that these issues can be resolved before the next meeting.	Core Group members - Completed
03/07/10/2015	FM to co-ordinate with GIS contact (Drew Milne, Marine Scotland) to revise the map template and legend based on discussion.	FM - Completed
04/07/10/2015	Members to consider what organisational data, reports or findings they may have which can be contributed to the Ekos work on the Productive section of the CMR assessment.	ALL – On going (will be covered by Ekos interviews with

		stakeholders)
05/07/10/2015	Go ahead with Accidents in the Clyde chapter for the assessment.	FM/SS – On going
06/07/10/2015	Forum staff to coordinate with Marine Scotland on defining a timetable for Marine Planning.	Forum Staff & Marine Scotland - Completed
07/07/10/2015	Link stages of this to specific communication and engagement requirements (through a Statement of Public Participation).	SS – On going
08/07/10/2015	WG/Marine Scotland to provide a draft Direction from Scottish Ministers.	WG/MS - Completed
09/07/10/2015	Follow up with a direct email to ARUP querying the further delays to the project.	OB - Completed
10/07/10/2015	RF to provide link to marine planning game to circulate to rest of Core Group.	RF & SS - Completed
11/07/10/2015	FM to discuss with Clydeplan options for including South Lanarkshire in the CMPP.	FM - Completed
12/07/10/2015	Investigate the NTL in other rivers which feed into the CMR, and the potential impact on inland boundaries.	FM & SS - completed
13/07/10/2015	Set up Doodle Poll to establish best date and time for next meeting.	SS - Completed

3) Project updates

Marine Scotland Tourism and Recreation data collection – SB notified the group that the survey closed at the end of October 2015 and received approximately 2500 responses across 24 activities, contributing 52,000 data points. This equates to 4 activity maps per respondent. Nearly 300 businesses also completed the survey. The contractor is currently working on the final report, however the results so far have been widely welcomed by Visit Scotland, Scottish Tourism Alliance and the Marine Scotland Marine Analytical unit. The next steps will be to release an executive summary of the report for tourism week in March; the final report will not be finished in time to release ahead of this event. RF asked if ports were included in the business figures and responses, in addition she mentioned that she was looking forward to reading the final report and findings would be useful for the Scottish Coastal Forum and other coastal partnerships. SB responded that they were, but the turnover for some ports had to be removed as they were uniquely high in some cases and skewed the data.

Clyde 2020- At their last meeting the Clyde 2020 Steering Group agreed the appointments to the Research Advisory Group (RAG). The RAG have now had their first meeting where they discussed recommendations for the science and research aims for Clyde 2020. IG noted that CMPP staff are also discussing how to streamline the Clyde 2020 group and process into the marine planning process.

Sea-Level Rise – FM informed the group that the final draft report is now available to read (hard copy available at the meeting) and all comments and feedback are welcome at this stage. She highlighted several points covered in the report which could be of interest to the Core Group members, such as locations highlighted as being vulnerable to sea-level rise. She noted that this project is important for the National Marine Plan and will feed into regional mapping work being done on NMPi. It is currently being quality assessed and will be published after this pending final corrections.

4) Updates from Core Group members

Scottish Coastal Forum (SCF) – RF informed the group that the SIMCelt project started in December 2015. It will run for two years and has received €2 million total funding. Part of this funding will go towards developing a Clyde Marine Region based computer simulated marine

planning game. In conjunction with the Marine Management Organisations' proposal to develop all the marine plans at once for England's North West region, additional money will be spent looking at trans-boundary marine spatial planning in the Solway Firth. The SCF will be holding an event on the 10th March to celebrate its 20th birthday. The SCF is currently waiting to hear about this year's budget decision from Marine Scotland.

Clyde Fishermen's Association (CFA) – Over November and December last year the CFA held a number of community engagement events around the Clyde, to inform people of issues currently being dealt with by the CFA and its members including Marine Protected Area (MPA) management proposals and the recently submitted Regulating Order application from the Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust (SIFT). Over 400 responses were submitted to Marine Scotland through the CFA; EW mentioned these could be useful to Clyde 2020. In addition CFA members also held a demonstration outside Holyrood in January to object to current management plans for the MPAs. EW clarified that fishermen are still in favour of MPAs. Other work includes progress in establishing the Fishing For Litter scheme at Troon and work is also ongoing on a number of art and cultural projects which are planned to take place later in the year.

Argyll and Bute (A&B) Council – MS informed the group that the council has responded to the Loch Sunart and Sound of Jura MPA management consultation with concerns about the potential impact on some industries. Concern was mainly regarding the potential closed areas which accounts for over 60% of A&B inshore waters. The council also responded to the SIFT Regulating Order in January. A&B is participating in another meeting today, regarding the Emergency Towing Vessel (ETV) which is due to run out of funding in March. Local authorities are pushing for the ETV to be retained. MS noted that he would be reporting to the A&B committee in March/April about signing up to the CMPP and they should have made a decision on this by the end of April.

Field Studies Council (FSC) - The renovations and construction at Millport are nearly complete and will include a newly refurbished accommodation block, museum and aquarium at Millport. The FSC is currently looking for exhibit suggestions and would welcome any ideas that people have. These areas will be used for teaching all age groups. The FSC's second year in Millport is going very well with a number of courses taking place including leisure learning and survivorship courses and also some citizen science activities. The centre is proving to be a hub for science activities in the Clyde.

South Ayrshire Council – JE reported that the Council have decided to join the CMPP on the 19th January and that the council would take up their board position. This decision is dependent on positive feedback from legal services once they have reviewed the constitution.

Crown Estate – PB noted that Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Enterprise and Scottish Canals are commissioning an update on the Scottish Enterprise 2010 report on Sailing Tourism in Scotland and its value to the economy. This will include a strategic analysis of the benefit to Scotland of sailing and gaps in the industry, and how best to invest in community projects. This is currently out to tender.

The Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) – RB commented that the SSC had been contributing to a number of consultations since the last update; this included local development plans, the MPAs and the Regulating Order. SSC will continue development plans at Loch Striven; the deadline for this investment has been extended and will result in the same amount of money being invested over a longer period of time.

Marine Scotland – WG informed the group that Marine Scotland had been working on finalising the draft Directions for both the Clyde and Shetland. A public notice will also be given for Shetland. She confirmed that there would be a public notice for the Clyde on the draft Direction in the 12th February edition of The Herald. Following this the Cabinet Secretary will be sending out letters to public bodies regarding their consent to functions within the Direction. The relevant sections on the Marine Scotland website would also be updated with new information accordingly.

Peel Ports ClydePort – BFt informed the group that Disney Cruise Line would be coming to Greenock for the first time this year. The Greenock 2016 cruise list has now been published. RH contributed that on 19-20th June 2016 Greenock will host a power boat racing event 'F1 grand prix

of the seas' and this will generate a lot of economic and recreational activity for the area. JB added that Peel Ports have agreed to sign the constitution of the CMPP.

Further to this, the organisation has responded to the Regulating Order consultation, as this would impact on Peel Ports role in licensing. Peel Ports are looking into opportunities to find alternative uses for dredged material, which is currently dumped as waste. It could be used for managed realignment, beach nourishment and enriching habitats. Peel Ports ClydePort would be interested to know of any stakeholders, communities and organisations interested in this. It may be that there are no alternatives, but the organisation would like to explore options. Peel Ports are happy to continue spending current costs for this, but options for additional costs would need to be discussed with beneficiaries of the dredged material; opportunities up-river of Cloch Point would be most feasible if no other costs could be contributed. JB noted that a similar operation had been carried out in the Mersey and she would circulate this case study to the group. SB commented that this would be useful information for the Clyde 2020 RAG.

Action (1) – To be carried forward and actioned by the CMPP. JB to send the Mersey case study on use of dredged material to FM for circulation. SB to share with Clyde 2020 RAG.

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) – AK notified the group about recent developments in MPA management decisions, particularly South Arran which became legalised on the 8th February. He noted that most people were probably aware of this and information on this was in the public domain on Marine Scotland and SNH's websites.

Clydeplan – The Clydeplan proposed Strategic Development Plan has now been published and is open for consultation. The plan contains a new section on marine planning and references a number of background reports and legislation. MM commented that marine planning has been incorporated more successfully into this plan in comparison to the last plan. The Clydeplan board agreed on the 12th December to sign the CMPP constitution and take up their position on the board.

CalMac – BFn announced that he would be taking over from Roger Willison-Grey. CalMac are currently working on a report considering future scenarios for the organisations interaction with aquaculture enterprises and marine recreation and tourism activities along with managing sustainable development in line with the NMP. This will be shared with all members when it becomes available. The tender to run west of Scotland ferry services is currently out to tender and CalMac is working on a bid.

British Marine Scotland (BMS) – SL stated that BMS is concentrating on the delivery of the Awakening the Giant marine recreation and tourism project.

Visit Scotland – DAM announced that Visit Scotland's new international brand – 'Spirit of Scotland' was launching today. On the 1 March new FLAGs will meet; the Ayrshire, Argyll and Bute group have received £985 million from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF). There is interest from officers within Marine Scotland and EMFF to fund large projects which will benefit the entire area, though this does not exclude smaller projects being funded.

IG thanked the members for their updates and extended her thanks to: SNH, MS and the Scottish Government, Peel Ports Clydeport, Crown Estate and Clydeplan including Renfrewshire Council for their continued financial and in-kind support and project funding to the FoCF over the years. At this last meeting of the FoCF she acknowledged the foresight of Vincent Goodstadt, then senior planner at Strathclyde Regional Council in establishing the Clyde Estuary Forum before SNH fully developed the Firth of Clyde Forum. She also gave thanks to the Forum staff who have worked hard over the years for the Forum. SB thanked Isabel on behalf of the Forum staff for her advice and help over the years.

Finally, IG on behalf of Core Group members and staff presented RH with a gift as special thanks for his contribution to the Forum for over 10 years and wished him well for the future. She also noted that she was pleased that Peel Ports would be continuing their involvement in the CMPP. RH commented that he had really enjoyed working with the group over the years and had found many mutual benefits between different stakeholders over different issues. The last meeting of the FoCF was then closed.

Action points of this meeting are included in the minutes of the first Clyde Marine Planning Partnership meeting held on the same date.