

# **Minutes of the Standing Conference on Problems Associated with the Coastline held at the Guildhall, Portsmouth on Friday 13 May 2011, commencing at 10.20am**

Present: A list of those present is appended to these minutes.

<u>Apologies:</u> Mr C Paine	-	Shepway District Council
Ms K McHugh	-	Solent Forum
Mr A Gilham	-	Environment Agency
Mr N Lyness	-	Environment Agency
Mr G Lymbery	-	Coastal Defence Sefton MBC
Mr S Mills	-	Fareham Borough Council
Cllr K Green	-	Purbeck District Council
Mr M Goater	-	Purbeck District Council
Cllr D Guest	-	Havant Borough Council
Cllr J Wride	-	Havant Borough Council
Cllr N Sorton	-	Poole Borough Council
Cllr S Dyer	-	Isle of Wight Council
Cllr M Filer	-	Bournemouth Borough Council

## **1. Minutes**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 21 January 2011 be approved.

## **2. Report of the Chair of the Research Programme**

The Group received a report from the Chairperson of the Research Sub-Group setting out progress made on the following current and proposed SCOPAC projects:

### **2.1) ACCESS' (Adapting to Climate Change Along England's Southern Shorelines')**

Members were informed that the case studies had now been reviewed and finalised and the following recommendations had emerged:

- A working Group to develop national standards for calculation of coastal erosion and instability rates, together with an improved approach to identifying the economics of assets at risk;
- A freely available, centralised database of erosion and accretion rates and a national baseline that could be updated as more recent Coastal Monitoring data became available, covering not only simple and complex cliffs but barrier beaches, spits, sand dunes, eroding and flooding areas and saltmarshes. To avoid repeated baselines and estimates of average erosion and accretion rates;
- A centralised database for flood and coastal defence information that could be updated and accessed by all agencies and local authorities. To avoid different defence type, residual life, condition and standard of protection data being used at national, regional and local level;

- A regularly updated uniform, national GIS address-layer, available to all parties and projects, akin to the National Receptor Database to avoid underestimates of industrial areas. The property point was not always picked up in the GIS assessment;
- Clarification of assets and valuation procedures included in the current national economic criteria. Further robust methods and valuation procedures for future Shoreline Management Plans. At some sites the SMPs were underestimating property value by 55%.

The final draft of the document was due to be returned from the printers in September and a launch event was planned for the autumn 2011 to include elected members, officers and planners.

#### 2.2) Sediment Tracer Studies East Solent

Members were pleased to note the positive results that had been achieved and it was suggested that Clive Moon attend a future SCOPAC meeting to discuss the findings.

#### 2.3) Websites

The SCOPAC website had recently been upgraded and the Chairman urged members to forward any documents or web links on to Sam Cope that they felt would be of use to the Group.

Members also discussed the possibility of distributing future agendas via the website.

#### 2.4) Update of SCOPAC Sediment Transport Database and Sediment Transport Study

At recent meetings of the SCOPAC Research Sub-group and Southern Coastal Group it was suggested that it would be valuable to update the Bibliographic Database (BD) and the Sediment Transport Study (STS). The possibility of SCOPAC potentially funding the update of the BD was discussed although it was felt that more substantial funds would be required to update the STS. The Chairman of the Southern Coastal Group agreed to explore different methods of funding.

#### 2.5) New Research

Members were updated on the SCOPAC field trip to Old Portsmouth and informed that a detailed programme would be circulated to all attendees shortly.

RESOLVED That the report be noted.

### 3. **Report of the Chairman of the Southern Coastal Group**

The Group received a report from the Chairman of the Southern Coastal Group setting out recent developments and progress made on the following subjects:

3.1) National Network of Strategic Regional Coastal Monitoring Programmes (2011 – 2017)

Financial and administrative approval had now been received for a five year programme.

Further savings were hoped to be realised through a variety of approaches including the development of a nationally coordinated procurement process. The Chairman of the Southern Coastal Group was thanked for all his hard work in developing the challenging programme.

3.2) Members and Other Officer Events

A workshop on “Planning for the impacts of coastal change: SMP’s, Planning and Coastal Change Management Areas” was due to be held on 14 September 2011 from 10.00 – 13:00 at the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton. The importance of encouraging attendance of planning and policy officers and elected members with coastal wards was highlighted.

3.3) Proposed Budget

The Chairman of the Southern Coastal Group introduced the draft budget for 2011/12 and highlighted potential opportunities for savings and also areas that had attracted additional sources of funding. Officers had inspected the budget in detail and members approved it for 2011/12.

3.4) SMP Progress

Members were pleased to note that the North Solent and Isle of Wight SMP’s had been adopted and approved by the Environment Agency, whilst the Poole and Christchurch SMP was currently awaiting IROPI approval.

3.5) DEFRA Consultations

The Chairman of the Southern Coastal Group provided members with a presentation detailing the significant proposed changes in FDGiA funding. It was explained that it was a very complex item and that a form of the proposal was likely to be implemented. A link to the consultation on the DEFRA website would be available on the SCOPAC website for reference shortly.

3.6) Upcoming Events

A workshop on beach recycling was planned for next year.

It was confirmed that Cllr Penfold of West Dorset District Council would conduct an elected member’s presentation at the next SCOPAC meeting to be held on 22 September 2011.

RESOLVED That

- 1) The report be noted;
- 2) Expenditure of £800 for running costs associated with the proposed Planning for the Impacts of Coastal Change Workshop be approved;

3) The 2011/2012 budget be approved.

**4. Presentation – Update on the Role of the New Regional Flood and Coastal Committee by Dr. Mike Bateman**

SCOPAC members received a presentation on 'Update on the Role of the New Regional Flood and Coastal Committee' by Dr. Mike Bateman of the Southern RFCC. Members were interested to note the proposals for the new RFCC, the difficult issues highlighted and the anticipated time scales involved. Dr. Mike Bateman then answered member's questions on the proposals.

RESOLVED That Dr. Mike Bateman be thanked for providing an instructive and interesting presentation.

**5. Presentation – Update on National Coastal Erosion Risk Mapping by Environment Agency**

Nick Hardiman of the Environment Agency provided member's with a verbal update on 'National Coastal Erosion Risk Mapping'. Members were interested to note the background to the project and what the key aims and outputs were. Details of its current status and the provisional timetable for the release of NCERM data were also provided. Nick Hardiman then answered member's questions and concerns over the project.

RESOLVED That Nick Hardiman be thanked for providing a useful and informative presentation.

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

RESOLVED That the next meeting of the Standing Conference on problems Associated with the Coastline be held on Thursday 22 September 2011, commencing at 10:15am.

**The meeting commenced at 10.20am and concluded at 12.50pm.**

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 22 September 2011**

STANDING CONERENCE ON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COASTLINE

13 MAY 2011 – LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING

Cllr Roger Elkins – Chairman of SCOPAC

Professor Andy Bradbury – Chairman of Southern Coastal Group

Bournemouth Borough Council  
Dr D Harlow

Chichester District Council  
Cllr R O'Brien  
Mr D Lowsley

Christchurch Borough Council  
Cllr M Duckworth  
Mr S Woolard

Dorset County Council  
Cllr L Ames  
Dr K Buchan

Eastleigh Borough Council  
Cllr D Airey  
Mr G Wilkinson

Environment Agency  
Mr N Hardiman  
Dr U Dornbusch  
Mr N Watson  
Mr J O'Flynn  
Mr L Spicer-Howard

Hampshire County Council  
Cllr A Buckley

Havant Borough Council  
Cllr J Branson

Havant and Portsmouth and Gosport  
Councils Coastal Partnership  
Mr L Cairns  
Mr M Hosey

New Forest District Council  
Dr Sam Cope

Poole Borough Council  
Mr D Robson

Portsmouth City Council  
Cllr H Mason

Solent Protection Society  
Mr A Inder

Southampton City Council  
Cllr M Jones  
Ms B Maguire

Southern RFCC  
Dr M Bateman

West Dorset District Council  
Cllr M Penfold  
Mr B Murray

Westminster Dredging  
Mr W Shields

Worthing Borough Council  
Cllr B Turner  
Mr B Curtis

Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners  
Mr C Lisher