

Minutes of the Standing Conference on Problems Associated with the Coastline held at the Civic Offices, Havant on Friday 12 March 2010, commencing at 10.15am

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

<u>Apologies:</u> Mike Bateman	-	Chairman Southern RFDC
Andy Ramsbottom	-	Poole Harbour Commissioners
Andrew Gilham	-	Environment Agency
Gary Lane	-	Environment Agency
Fiona Hanna	-	Isle of Wight AONB Partnership
Iain Mills	-	The Crown Estate
Cllr R Forder	-	Gosport Borough Council
Cllr G Burgess	-	Gosport Borough Council
Cllr J Wride	-	Havant Borough Council
Cllr C Welsford	-	Isle of Wight Council
David Lowsley	-	Chichester District Council
Cllr R Lawton	-	Bournemouth Borough Council

1. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 11 December 2009 be approved.

2. Research Programme

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

- 1.1) ACCESS (Adapting to Climate Change Along England's Southern Shorelines)
- 1.2) Sediment Tracer Studies East Solent
- 1.3) Maintenance of Coastal Structures – Phase 1: Timber Groynes

Members were pleased to note that twenty-five officers had confirmed their attendance at the workshop and it was hoped that the day would be a success.

- 1.4) Website Update

The Chairman of the Southern Coastal Group encouraged members to view the SCOPAC and Southern Coastal Group websites and forward any comments or suggestions onto Sam Cope.

- 2) New Research

RESOLVED That

- 1) The report be noted;

- 2) Any member comments or suggestions on the SCOPAC or Southern Coastal Group websites be forwarded onto Sam Cope.

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) Strategic Regional Coastal Monitoring Programme: Phase 3, 2011/2016

The Chairman of the Southern Coastal Group informed members that the application was due to be finalised and issued a reminder that letters of agreement needed to be submitted shortly.

3.2) Proposal for Site Visit to Hengistbury Head

Hengistbury Head was emphasised by the Chairman of the Southern Coastal Group as an ideal location for the first site visit because it presented a good example of SCOPAC's vision of working across boundaries and authorities. It was felt that it would provide an opportunity for members to draw together experiences and also help put into context earlier SCOPAC research conducted on extreme waves.

In response to a member's question regarding attendance of outside groups it was felt that invitations should be limited to SCOPAC members initially and any extra capacity could then be offered to outside parties.

3.3) Funding Arrangements for Coastal Groups

The Chairman of SCOPAC welcomed the Environment Agencies financial support but stressed the need for further discussions to take place regarding the funding process in order to clarify certain issues which were limiting opportunities to formalise future plans.

3.4) Budget for 2010/11

Agreement on the 2010/11 budget could not be reached as the Environment Agency questioned whether the budget accurately reflected the separation between SCOPAC and the Southern Coastal Group. The Chairman of the Southern Coastal Group agreed to revise the budget and circulate it to members shortly for comment.

3.5) Induction for Members

The Group welcomed the new initiative and were pleased to note that a copy of the Non-Technical SCOPAC Guide would be made available to all members.

The Chairman also requested that the Group attempt to contact lapsed members of SCOPAC and encourage future participation from them.

3.6) Involvement of RFDC in Future SCOPAC Meetings

3.7) Training in Connection with National Coastal Erosion Risk Mapping

RESOLVED That

- 1) The report be noted;
- 2) The proposal for a field visit to Hengistbury Head on 15 June 2010 and for expenditure of up-to £1,200 for catering and venue costs be approved;
- 3) A revised budget for financial year 2010/11 be circulated to members for comment;
- 4) The proposal for development of new member induction initiatives be approved;
- 5) The proposal for members to attempt to contact lapsed members of SCOPAC and encourage participation from them in future events be approved;
- 6) The proposal that an invitation be extended to members of the Wessex and Southern RFDC members to attend SCOPAC be approved;
- 7) The proposal that an invitation be extended to the Environment Agency to provide suitable training to SCOPAC members in application of the National Coastal Erosion Risk Mapping be approved.

4. Officers Workshop Series

The members received and noted a paper on the Officers Workshop Series.

5. GOSE/DEFRA Coastal Change and Planning Conference

The members received and noted a paper on the GOSE/DEFRA Coastal Change and Planning Conference and discussed the recent pathfinder bids. Stephen Blyth of Hampshire County Council informed the Group that he had produced a briefing note on the Pathfinder bid and would circulate it to members following the meeting.

RESOLVED That the SCOPAC administrator circulate a briefing note on Pathfinder bids.

6. Members Issues: Presentation – A Community at Risk – Barton-on-Sea

SCOPAC members received a presentation on “A Community at Risk – Barton-on-Sea” by Councillor Fran Carpenter of New Forest District Council. Members were interested to note the various challenges facing this stretch of coastline and what plans were set to be introduced.

RESOLVED That Councillor Fran Carpenter be thanked for providing an interesting and informative presentation.

7. Research Presentation: Progress on SCOPAC ACCESS Project

The Chairperson of the SCOPAC Research Sub-Group provided members with a presentation on "Progress on the SCOPAC ACCESS Project". Members were informed of the hot spots that had been identified for detailed study and members were asked to please contact Samantha Cope if they wanted copies of the maps.

RESOLVED That

- 1) Samantha Cope be thanked for providing an interesting and informative presentation;
- 2) Members contact Samantha Cope if they required copies of the ACCESS Project maps.

8. Any Other Business

Bryan Curtis of Worthing Borough Council informed members that a Flood and Coastal Risk Management Conference would be taking place later in the year and several workshops on partnership working were planned. The workshops were intended to demonstrate how coastal authorities had worked together and help share this experience with inland authorities. Members were asked to please contact Bryan Curtis if they wanted to support the event.

9. Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED That the next meeting of the Standing Conference on Problems Associated with the Coastline be held on Friday 17 September 2010, commencing at 10.15am.

The meeting commenced at 10.20am and concluded at 12.36pm.

Date of next meeting: Friday 17th September 2010

STANDING CONERENCE ON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COASTLINE

12TH MARCH 2010 – 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 J Connor

Mr G Holder

Chichester Harbour Conservancy

Mr E Rowsell

Dorset County Council

Cllr L Ames MBE

Mr K Buchan

Eastleigh Borough Council

Cllr D Airey

Mr A Brown

Environment Agency

Mr T Kermodé

Mr N Watson

Fareham Borough Council

Mr S Mills

Gosport Borough Council

Mr D Martin

Hampshire County Council

Cllr A Rice T.D.

Mr S Blyth

Havant Borough Council

Cllr V Pierce Jones

Cllr J Smith

Cllr K Smith

Cllr V Wilson-Smith

Havant and Portsmouth and Gosport

Councils Coastal Partnership

Mr L Cairns

Mr M Hosey

Isle of Wight Council

Cllr S Dyer

Mr P Marsden

New Forest District Council

Cllr F Carpenter

Dr Sam Cope

Portsmouth City Council

Cllr H Mason

Raymond Brown Construction

Mr J Canning

Solent Protection Society

Mr A Inder

Southampton City Council

Ms B Maguire

University of Portsmouth

Dr M Bray

West Dorset District Council

Mr P Perkins

Westminster Dredging

Mr B White

Worthing Borough Council

Mr B Curtis