

**Minutes of the Standing Conference on Problems Associated with the Coastline (SCOPAC) held in Hurstwood Room, Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road, Havant, Hampshire PO9 2AX on 17 October 2014 commencing at 10.15 am**

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

**1 Minutes from the last meeting of SCOPAC**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 11 April 2014 be approved subject to the following amendments:

- (1) Minute 10 to read '2013';
- (2) Minute 11 to read 'D Smith' and 'J Smith'; and
- (3) Minute 13 to read 'Clare Wilkinson'.

**2 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Jordan, T Swain, I Roebuck, B Turner, X Dion, L Dedman, D Smith and L Brown, K Buchan, M Goater, M Cowling

**3 Reflection on the life and work of Andy Bradbury**

The Chairman paid tribute to the former Southern Coastal Group Chairman Professor Andy Bradbury who had sadly passed away on 6 August 2014. His knowledge, enthusiasm and guidance on coastal issues had inspired many and in honour of his memory the Group held a one minute silence.

**4 Consideration of proposals for a suitable memorial**

The Chairman commented on the importance of building on Andy Bradbury's legacy and the Group agreed to support the following two proposals:

- 1) Bradbury's Bursary – A £500 contribution towards the fees of a University of Southampton student's course on 'Engineering in the Coastal Environment'. The thesis would relate to the SCOPAC coastline with an opportunity for the student to present at a SCOPAC or SCG meeting.
- 2) Workshops – Future SCG Workshops would be renamed "Andy's Workshops – A Problem Shared – The Nuts and Bolts of....".

RESOLVED that the proposals for Andy Bradbury's memorial be accepted.

**5 Research Programme - report from Sam Cope**

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:

#### 5.1 Evolution of Coastal Sediment Stores and Sinks Study

Members were interested to note that the project had been completed and was now available to download from the SCOPAC website.

#### 5.2 SCOPAC Minor Projects Fund (2013/2014 and 2014/2015)

A brief update on the two projects each awarded £4,000 was provided.

#### 5.3 Update of the SCOPAC Sediment Transport Study

Work continued on the analysis of the sediment budget, the literature review and the bathymetric analysis. Once this had concluded all the data would be interpreted and the maps updated. Options for dissemination of the information were currently being explored.

#### 5.4 Reducing Regional Flood and Erosion Risk from Wave Action on the Channel Coast Project

The next steps of the project involved interpreting the data and writing up the report. The Chairman of the Southern Coastal remarked that the initial tests had been very encouraging and demonstrated the value of physical modelling. Thanks were expressed to the speakers at the recent event held at the test facility at HR Wallingford on 12 September 2014.

#### 5.5 Southern Coastal Group Workshop

It was confirmed that the next workshop topic would be on 'Incident Management' due to be held in either January or February 2015.

Thanks were provided to the speakers at the recent SCOPAC field trip to Medmerry for their informative presentations. The presentations were now available to view on the SCOPAC website.

#### 5.6 Monitoring of Poole Nearshore Replenishment Trials

The Group was informed that the trial was due to commence in January or February 2015. It was suggested that the £60,000 of Environment Agency funding provided for monitoring of the trials may have to be revised due to potential further costs involved in using tracers to monitor the sediment

#### 5.7 Maintenance of Coastal Structures. Phase 1: Timber Groynes

The remainder of the work to be undertaken was currently in the process of being scoped. The Group recognised that it was an important piece of work and agreed that the cost of completing it should be funded by SCOPAC to a limit of £5,000.

RESOLVED that a maximum of £5,000 in SCOPAC funds be allocated to complete the Maintenance of Coastal Structures project.

## **6 Update on the Chairmanship of the Southern Coastal Group**

The Group was interested to note that Neil Watson of the Environment Agency had been elected Chairman of the Southern Coastal Group for a period of one year. Over this period the new Chairman intended to assess the Group's future priorities, review the constitution and analyse the future role of the Vice Chairmen in order to make the Southern Coastal Group as robust as possible.

## **7 National and regional issues from Coastal Group Chairs**

The Chairman of the Southern Coastal Group updated members on the following key issues:

National FCERM Report for England – The 2013-14 report was currently being developed

Flood Risk Regulations – Flood Risk Management Plans – Consultation on the plans had been delayed slightly and was now expected to start within approximately six months.

FCRM Investment Programme – It was confirmed that the six year investment programme was currently being constructed.

Updates to the National Coastal Erosion Maps – Members were reminded of the importance of the maps and informed that they would be available to view on the Environment Agency website. Concerns were expressed however over the transparency of the maps.

Managing Flood Assets – AIMS Update – It was proposed to place all Environment Agency asset data on the system. Members suggested that it was important for the system to also include information on all local authority assets.

Environment Agency Organisational Change – Details on the recent changes to the Environment Agency's business model were explained. It was also noted that the Environment Agency's website had now moved to Gov.uk. The Group held a detailed discussion over the reorganisation and stated that it was important for the Environment Agency to undertake a consistent approach to dealing with local authorities.

Capacity Building – The importance of ensuring local authorities were represented on the Local Authority Capacity Building Advisory Group was discussed. Lyall Cairns of the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership offered to attend any future meetings on behalf of SCOPAC.

## **8 Invoicing for membership 2014/15**

It was noted that the membership subscription fees for 2014-15 had not changed.

RESOLVED that the SCOPAC membership invoices for 2014-15 be circulated.

**9 Overview of last winter's coastal flooding and erosion events - actions, lessons learned and implications**

Representatives from each local authority provided a brief overview of the damages inflicted on the coastline from last winter's coastal flooding and erosion events including what repair works had been undertaken.

**10 AOB and dates of next meetings**

A guide on 'Coastal Management: A Guide to Using Archaeological, Palaeoenvironmental, Historical and Artistic Resources' was circulated.

**The meeting commenced at 10.15 am and concluded at 11.55 am**

## STANDING CONFERENCE ON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COASTLINE

17 OCTOBER 2014 – LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING

Penfold – Chairman of SCOPAC  
– Chairman of Southern Coastal Group

Richard Austin, Chichester Harbour Conservancy  
Mr Bryan Curtis, Worthing Borough Council  
Mr Steve Woolard, Christchurch Borough Council  
Mr James Addicott, Havant Borough Council  
Councillor Tim Knight, Fareham Borough Council  
Mr Matt Hosey, Portsmouth City Council  
Mr Gordon Wilkinson, Eastleigh Borough Council  
Dr Uwe Dornbusch, Environment Agency  
Councillor J C P Connor, Chichester District Council  
Dr David Harlow, Bournemouth Borough Council  
Dr Samantha Cope, New Forest District Council  
Mr Chris Lisher, Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners  
Honorary Freeman Cllr John Lofts, Christchurch Borough Council  
Mr David Lowsley, Chichester District Council  
Mr Peter Marsden, Isle of Wight Council  
Mr Ben Murray, West Dorset District Council  
Mr Stevyn Ricketts, Gosport Borough Council  
Mr David Robson, Poole Borough Council  
Mr Neil Watson, Environment Agency  
Mr Lyall Cairns, Havant Borough Council  
Councillor Jackie Branson, Chichester Harbour Conservancy  
Councillor Mrs Forder, Gosport Borough Council  
Mr Tim Adams, Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners  
Steven Cook, New Forest District Council  
Councillor Warwick Payne, Southampton City Council  
Councillor Graham Burgess, Hampshire County Council

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