

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 16 January 2015 commencing at 10.15 am

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

1 Minutes

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2014 be approved as a correct record.

2 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

Chris Lisher, David Smith, Ian Roebuck, Jackie Branson, John O'flynn, Lyall Cairns, Nick Hardiman, Peter Latham, Peter Marden, Scott Mills, Steve Cook, Tim Adams, Tony Swain, Uwe Dornbusch, Wendy Brooks and Will Shields

3 SCOPAC Research Programme - Paper B

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

3.1 Minor Funds 2013-2015

Members received a update on the University of Southampton Coastal Sediment project. Member were informed of the next steps of the project into 2015 and that the results would feed into the Sediment Transport Study.

3.2 Minor Funds 2015-2017

Member were informed of the proposed minor funds projects that had been put forward for funding across 2015-2017 including the costs and benefits for to SCOPAC. These included those that had been voted on in the SCG meeting held in January.

The first study would focus on establishing shingle transport pathways from the sub-tidal to the beach at Church Norton Spit, requesting a contribution of £4,000.

The second study would investigate the level of exposure sea walls experience in heavy storms and if this exposure compromised their structural integrity, requesting a contribution of £4,000. Officers concluded that they believed both projects were worth funding.

It was RESOLVED that both projects would be funded at a cost of £4000 each.

3.3 Sediment Transport Study

Members received an update on the continued Sediment Transport Study including work that had been undertaken. They were advised that the next steps of the study would include further sediment budget analysis and the literature review and interpreting all data and map updates.

3.4 CCO – Bimodal Waves Study

Members received an update on the Channel Coast Observatory Study into bimodal wave action on the channel coast. Member were advised of the continued research methods being used and the next steps to occur, including data analysis and finalisation of reports. The study should be concluded in 2017.

3.5 SCG Workshop 9th January

The SCG workshop held on the 9th of January was well attended by officers. Sam gave an overview of the days events and the Chairman of the SCG advised it had contained a lot of value. Officers also advised the it had been a worthwhile exercise.

3.6 Poole Nearshore Replenishment Trials

Members were given an update on the progression of the trials. It was reported that the project was yet to proceed due to MMO licensing issues, however once these issues had been resolved the project would be worthwhile.

3.7 Update on the Role of the SCOPAC research Chairman.

The Chairman of the SCG gave an update to SCOPAC on the role of the SCOPAC research subgroup chairman. It was advised that Sam Cope would be moving into a new role within the ESCP. Members were advised that her workplace and job role would change but this would have little impact on the work as research chairman.

The Chairman of SCOPAC, Mary Penfold, wished Sam Cope luck in her new role and thanked Sam for the continued work and contribution to SCOPAC.

4 Mapping of the East Solent sea bed from bathymetry - Presentation

Andrew Colenutt was invited to give a presentation to members on the Mapping of the East Solent Sea Bed from Bathymetry. The presentation provided members with large amounts of technical information regarding the project. The presentation included details of the processes undertaken to date, the progress of the seabed mapping and physical substrates.

Members were advised that the results collected would be instrumental in understanding marine conservation issues in the Medmerry/Selsey area. The Chairman invited all questions and comments from members.

5 Publication of the Medium Term investment programme for six years to 2021

The Chairman of the SCG, Neil Watson, provided a presentation on the Medium Term investment programme until 2021. This included details of the ongoing changes to the MTP and how to access the information available. Members were provided with detail of the projects that had been put forward and that were being funded and how these would affect coastal defences and the benefits to the coastline. Member were also shown how and where to access further information on individual projects.

Members were advised that further details on the MTP could be found at: gov.uk/government/publications/programme-of-flood-and-coastal-erosion-risk-management-schemes.

6 Coastal Monitoring update - Paper C

Andrew Colenutt provided a coastal monitoring update to the group. It was advised that coastal monitoring had been progressing well as set out in the report. Members were asked to provide letters of either support or objection to coastal monitoring in order to provide better understanding of the stance of neighboring local authorities. Members were also invited to ask any questions.

It was outlined that members would like to see abbreviations explained prior to their use in order to extend clarity and provide a full understanding of what was being discussed.

7 Update on the review of the constitution of the Southern Coastal group - Paper D

Neil Watson introduced the paper detailing the changes to the SCG constitution gave the group and overview of the necessity to update it. Attention was drawn to previously outdated terminology and the next step of creating an up to date business plan.

Members were advised to send any comments/suggestions to the Southern Coastal Group secretary.

8 Discussion on the location and timing of the annual field visit

The group engaged in a discussion on when to hold the next SCOPAC field visit. It was advised that the group would be returning to Lyme Regis around June 2015 but would need to be conscious of other meetings in over the same period, such as the Coastal Sig AGM, in order to avoid diary clashes. It was advised that members should consider any significant meetings in early June and advise the SCG and SCOPAC Chairmen of these dates. A date for the field visit would be circulated after the meeting.

9 Round table review of current projects & initiatives - Presentation

Prior to the meeting, officers were encouraged to provide an update on any developments within their respective area of coastline via PowerPoint Presentation.

Officers presented their updates to the group outlining any developments or projects that had been planned over the next year. Presentations included details of repair works, natural recovery, defence works and possible future projects.

10 Discussion on the Coastal Representation on Regional Flood & Coastal Committees

Neil Watson lead a round the table discussion of Coastal Representation on Regional Flood & Coastal Committees.

Officers commented that the meetings of these committees could provide a important feedback that would be beneficial to SCOPAC and the SCG. However, they did not feel that there was appropriate representation of coastal groups on these committees as the only representative in attendance to the

meetings of the committees was the chairmen of Wessex and Southern Coastal groups. The Chairmen were invited to attend as observers only.

It was also discussed that the papers for the meeting were not made available early enough to allow officers to read them properly. The Chairman asked if officers could send any papers to the secretary who would then ensure they were made available on the website.

11 AOB

Bryan Curtis advised he would no longer be able to attend meetings of SCOPAC or SCG. Bryan thanked all officers and members for making SCOPAC and SCG a worthwhile forum to attend. The Chairman thanked Bryan for his attendance at the meeting and drew attention to Bryan's significant contribution to meetings and being an active and vocal advocate for coastal matters.

12 Dates of next meetings

The next formal meetings of SCOPAC were agreed as:
June 2015 (SCOPAC field visit - date to be confirmed).
September 18th 2015.
January 15th 2016.

The meeting commenced at Time Not Specified and concluded at 12.28 pm

STANDING CONFERENCE ON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COASTLINE

16 JANUARY 2015 – LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING

Mary Penfold – Chairman of SCOPAC

Neil Watson – Chairman of Southern Coastal Group

Richard Austin

Ms Sam Foulds, Southampton City Council

Jenny Jakeways, Isle of Wight Council

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 Gordon Wilkinson, Eastleigh Borough Council

Councillor J C P Connor, Chichester District Council

Dr David Harlow, Bournemouth Borough Council

Councillor X Dion, Poole Borough Council

Dr Samantha Cope, New Forest District Council

Honorary Freeman Cllr John Lofts, Christchurch Borough Council

Mr David Lowsley, Chichester District Council

Mr Ben Murray, West Dorset District Council

Mr Stevyn Ricketts, Gosport Borough Council

Mr Stuart Terry, Poole Borough Council

Dr Ken Buchan, Dorset County Council

Councillor Phil Jordan, Isle of Wight Council

Councillor David Mannings

Councillor Kenneth Smith, Havant Borough Council (Guest)

Councillor Mrs G A Marsh MBE, Purbeck District Council

Andrew Colenutt, New Forest District Council

Councillor Noel Atkins, Worthing Borough Council

Councillor Warwick Payne, Southampton City Council

Graham Burgess, Hampshire County Council

Rob Whitham, Balfour Beatty

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