

**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 15 January 2016 commencing at 10.00 am**

**23 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Roger Barrow, Graham Burgess, Jim Hutchison, David Lowsley, Gordon Wilkinson, Nick Hardiman, Scott Mills, Tim Adams, Xena Dion, Rachel Pearson, John O'Flynn, Peter Marsden, Phil Jordan and Ingeborg Forder.

**In attendance**

Sarah Cairns, Ian Roebuck, Stevyn Ricketts, Lyall Cairns, Ken Smith, David Guest, John Lofts, Steve Woolard, David Harlow, John Laker, Hugh Mason, Rob Whitham, Steve Cook, Nick Gray, Bernadine McGuire, Stuart Terry, Tim Knight, Dominic Henly, John Connor, Warwick Payne, Samantha Cope, Richard Austin, Neil Watson, Mary Penfold.

**24 Minutes of last meeting (Paper A)**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2015 be approved as a correct record.

**25 National Coastal Issues Update - Neil Watson (Paper B)**

The chairman of the SCG introduced the report to members and officers and highlighted the following points:

- A National update by the Environment Agency was issued in December 2015
- Defra had devolved responsibilities to the Environment Agency
- Defra had become the policy setter with oversight from the EA
- Three major themes had emerged; risk and coastal erosion; How coastal erosion is governed; and readiness for major national incidents (2014 storm event).

Members and officers also discussed Flood RI and the issues around acquiring insurance for high risk flood areas.

**26 Summary of live capital projects - Round table discussion**

The Chairman led a round table discussion to ask all officers and members in attendance to provide an update on major works and developments in their respective areas of coastline.

The group received updates from all officers and members regarding any developments, projects or constructions and the progress to date, this included any work completed and planned. Officers also discussed issues encountered regarding funding restraints and the importance of inter agency cooperation.

Members and officers were invited to ask questions regarding the works of other authorities.

## **27 Coastal Monitoring update - Andrew Colenutt (Paper C)**

In Andrew Colenutt's absence, Steve Woolard gave an update to members and officers. The update included details of:

- Completed Topographic Surveys
- Bathymetric Surveys in the Shoreham/Pagham area
- Hydrodynamics
- Review of the aerial surveys

It was added that the Coastal Monitoring project was of interest to all authorities in the SCOPAC region and that contribution from all officers and members would help to enrich the quality of the programme.

## **28 Research Summary**

The Chairman of the Research Sub-Group delivered a presentation to the group, providing an update on the progress of research.

The update included details of:

### Scopac minor projects fund:

- Coastal Sediment Budget project:  
The Project was nearing completion and a preliminary report had been produced. Once completed and reviewed the findings would be circulated and it was suggested the group invite Matt Wadie to present the findings to officers and members.
- Establishing Shingle Transport Pathways:  
The project was still ongoing. The project would aim to undertake three monthly deployments over the approaching winter.
- Beach Response in front of structures in open coast:  
The project would aim to investigate the level of beach drop during significant winter events. The project was still ongoing.

### Other projects covered included:

- Poole Nearshore Replenishment Trials  
The testing of a technique to allow natural processes to push 30,000m<sup>3</sup> of

sand from the seabed onto the shore. Waves and tides were being monitored and 5.6km<sup>3</sup> had moved onshore at the time. Analysis of results was still ongoing and would be published once available.

- **Historical Aerial Photograph Scanning**  
The project aimed to scan old aerial photographs depicting coastline areas and comparing change over time. Officers had been requested to send photographs for comparison. It was commented by the chairman that smaller town councils may hold additional information that could prove useful to the project.
- **Bournemouth Borough Council – Dismantling Timber Groynes**  
it was advised that Bournemouth Borough Council were planning to deconstruct 13 Timber Groynes over the following two year that had been built between 1985 – 87. The project would aim to investigate how different materials had deteriorated over time.
- **Sediment Transport Study**  
Members and Officers were given an overview of the interactive map available to coastal engineers on the SCOPAC website.
- **Wave Action Study – HR Wallingford**  
The project aimed to reduce regional flood and erosion risk by analysing beach profiles at the HR Wallingford testing facility. This would help to defend the coast against major swell wave events.

## **29 Presentation from Bernadine Maguire on the Southampton Pathfinder Project**

The Group received a presentation from Bernadine Maguire on the Southampton Pathfinder Project. The presentation covered a variety of topics and outlined the aims and progress of the project. The presentation also included the following points:

- The project was very near completion
- The project area included parts of Southampton City Centre and the River Ichen
- A history of flooding in the area
- It was one of 13 projects in the Defra flood community resilience pathfinder scheme.
- The strategic aims and targets of the project and how the local authority supported and encouraged a community approach.

It was advised that the aim of the project was to empower communities and residents to take in charge in storm and flood events and how to deal with issues when they occur. The main challenges had been fully engaging the residents and dealing with storm events while the project was underway.

## **30 Report on the SCOPAC Business Plan - Lyall Cairns**

Lyall Cairns introduced a paper that had been tabled at the meeting and explained the content.

The purpose of the business plan was to align budget headings with strategic objects to more appropriately isolate the aims and objective of the SCG & SCOPAC.

The budget and strategic objectives included:

- Shoreline Management Plans
- Coastal Research
- Sharing Good Practice
- Supporting Delivery
- Influencing Coastal Policies
- Communications
- Leadership and Management
- Administration.

The Chairman thanked Lyall for the clear and informative paper and presentation.

### **31 Storm Damage updates - Round table discussion**

The Chairman of the SCG provided an update to members regarding storm damage and gave a presentation to illustrate the damage from 2013 to the present day. The presentation included pictures from across the SCOPAC and the details of the recovery programme used.

There was a round table discussion allowing all members and officers to update the group on the damage and recovery works in their respective area of coastline.

Officers commented on the difficulty in engaging with third party assets. It was agreed that officers should remain vigilante in interrogating the defences of third party assets around the coast.

### **32 Consideration of venue for SCOPAC Annual Field Visit**

Officers and members discussed potential sites and areas to visit of the SCOPAC Annual Field Visit. The discussion included:

- visiting previously seen sites to show change over time;
- visiting Bournemouth or Portsmouth to view ongoing works;
- splitting the visit into a site visit and workshop
- dates and times of the visit.

Through the course of discussion it was agreed that Bournemouth would be the preferred area for viewing. This would enable the group to view the Groyne Dismantling project as it took place, in addition to seeing the effects of nourishment. Due to the timeline of the Bournemouth works, the 20<sup>th</sup> of May was established as a potential date.

It was agreed the visit could include the attendance of retired engineers – this would enable SCOPAC to retain the expertise of the retired professionals.

**33 Notice of SCOPAC Chairman Election**

The clerk to the meeting advised that the term of office for the Chairman, Mary Penfold, would be terminating after three years. In accordance with the standing orders of SCOPAC, notice was therefore given that nominations should be sent to the clerk in time for the next meeting of SCOPAC where an election would be held.

**34 Calendar of Meeting for 2016**

The Group were advised that the next meeting of SCOPAC would be the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 10am.

**35 AOB**

There was none.

**The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 1.20 pm**

## STANDING CONFERENCE ON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COASTLINE

15 JANUARY 2016 – LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING

Penfold – Chairman of SCOPAC  
– Chairman of Southern Coastal Group

Richard Austin

Mr Steve Woolard, Christchurch Borough Council

Councillor Ian Roebuck, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council

Councillor Tim Knight, Fareham Borough Council

Dr David Harlow, Bournemouth Borough Council

Dr Samantha Cope, Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership

Honorary Freeman Cllr John Lofts, Christchurch Borough Council

Ms Sarah Cairns, West Dorset District Council

Mr Stevyn Ricketts, Gosport Borough Council

Mr Neil Watson, Environment Agency

Mr Lyall Cairns, Havant Borough Council

Councillor David Guest, Havant Borough Council

Councillor Kenneth Smith, Havant Borough Council (Guest)

Councillor John Connor, Chichester District Council

Dominic Henly

Councillor H Mason

Councillor Warwick Payne, Southampton City Council