

**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 6 October 2017 commencing at 10.00 am**

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

**58 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from David Smith, Graeme Barrett, Ingeborg Forder, Graham Burgess, Colin Bungey, Peter Webb, Malcolm Cross, Ray Tindle, Uwe Dornbusch, Mark Stratton, Nick Gray, Steve Cook, Nick Hardiman, Angela Marlow, Jim Hutchinson, Lyall Cairns, Dave Robson, Lee Spicer-Howard, Mark Wrigley, Tim Adams and Dave Harlow.

**59 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Paper A)**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the SCOPAC meeting held on 27 January 2017 be approved as a correct record.

**60 National Updates from Lead Officer - Neil Watson (Presentation)**

The Group received a presentation from the Chairman of the SCG, detailing the latest national updates. The following points were highlighted:

- Coastal Refresh Update – The review was nearing completion and findings would be presented at a future SCOPAC meeting. The update had looked to improve relationships between Coastal Groups, local authorities and agencies, with key themes identified including governance, information sharing and access to SMPs.
- SMP Refresh – Work to update the 4 SMPs in the SCOPAC region was on-going, to ensure they remained current and fit for purpose. The SMP Futures Workshop in July had discussed a ‘light touch’ scope for the review, with a proposal for funding due to be submitted in April 2018.
- Coastal Asset Data – A business case was being prepared for the collation of a comprehensive database for local authority, private and third party coastal assets and the procurement of an asset management data system. This work aimed to provide an easily accessible dataset to inform coastal risk assessments.
- West Bay Temporary Defence Barrier Trial – Work had recently been carried out at West Bay to provide contingency measures prior to the implementation of permanent defence barriers next year.

- Collaboration, Development and Sustainable Legacy Conference – The conference was scheduled for 19 October 2017 in Weymouth Pavilion, Weymouth, to celebrate the work of Nick Lyness. Members were encouraged to contact Neil Watson for further details on attendance.

## **61 Finance and Membership Fees / Service Plan (Paper D)**

The Chairman invited Matt Hosey to introduce the Finance papers to the Group and answer any questions in relation to the item. The papers detailed the combined SCG and SCOPAC audited accounts for 2016/17, the proposed allocations for 2017/18 and the proposed Service Plan for 2017/18.

An updated version of the papers containing actuals data was tabled for members.

The audited 2016/17 accounts showed a healthy financial position for the Group. The proposed allocations for 2017/18 detailed the budgetary proposals for the coming financial year, with costs reflecting the themes identified in the Service Plan for 2017/18.

Members were also informed that invoices for membership for 2017/18 would be circulated shortly and asked that purchase orders be raised in preparation.

RESOLVED that;

- a) The audited accounts for 2016/17 be noted;
- b) The allocations for 2017/18 be noted and approved;
- c) The Service Plan for 2017/18 be noted and approved;
- d) The membership fees for SCOPAC remain the same for 2018/19.

## **62 Research Report - Samantha Cope (Paper E)**

The Chairman of the Research Sub-Group delivered an overview of the current research programme, providing an update on the progress of research.

The update included the following details:

- The Preston Tracer Study and the re-allocation of £2,000 for the Pagham Tracer Study had both been put back to the 2018/19 financial year due to resourcing issues.
- Storm Analysis – The study on the effects of storm events in recent years was proposed as the top priority study for any surplus funds.
- Beach response in front of structures in open coast – Scour monitors have been deployed at Stokes Bay, Gosport and Southsea, Portsmouth, and would record beach levels and scour depths in the coming winter. Issues relating to the depth of sheet piling had also been highlighted. Dr Andy Pearce would be invited to present the findings of the study at a future SCOPAC meeting.
- Monitoring of Poole Nearshore Replenishment Trials – The final report was awaiting sign-off from the Environment Agency and would then be uploaded to the SCOPAC website.

- Scanning of historical aerial photography – Dr David Harlow was leading on Year 2 of the project and would be contacting local authorities for locally held prints.
- Bournemouth Borough Council: Dismantling of Timber Groynes – The study had investigated the performance of timbers used in groynes in the last 30 years. The tropical wood Ekki had performed best with less abrasion and gribble infestation recorded. The findings of the study would be presented at a future SCOPAC meeting.
- CIRIA Groynes in Coastal Management Manual – A workshop had been held in March to discuss relevant topics. Peter Ferguson would represent SCOPAC on the steering group for the project.
- Update of the SCOPAC Sediment Transport Study – The update had been completed and the new data was available to access on the SCOPAC website (<http://www.scopac.org.uk/sts-2012.html>). It was recommended that the next update be carried out between 2020 – 2022 to capture data from the recent storm events.
- SCOPAC Contaminated Land Study – The study had highlighted the lack of funding sources for capital works to protect contaminated land sites from flood and coastal erosion risk. A letter on the issue had been sent to the Environment Agency, who had acknowledged the issues and indicated these would be raised at a national level.

RESOLVED that storm analysis be agreed as the top priority study if any surplus funds become available.

### **63 Bradbury's Bursary - Emma Harris**

The Chairperson for the Research Sub-Group updated members on the progress of the studies awarded the Bradbury's Bursary.

Lauren Burt had been awarded the Bursary in 2016/17 and conducted a study into the migration of gravel barriers over a consolidating substrate. The thesis was available to view on the SCOPAC website and Lauren would present the findings of the study at the next SCOPAC meeting (<http://www.scopac.org.uk/bursary-2016.html>).

Emma Harris had been awarded the Bursary for 2017/18 and was conducting a study into the cause and morphological evolution of Pagham Harbour entrance, following the breach of the Church Norton Spit in 2016. Emma would present the findings of the study at the next SCOPAC meeting.

Members requested confirmation of any impact on budgets by the relief effort for damage caused by recent hurricane events in the British Virgin Islands.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11.14am and reconvened at 11.25am**

**64 Lyme Regis Film - Neil Watson**

The Chairman introduced a video produced by students at The Woodroffe School in Lyme Regis, discussing coastal erosion in the Lyme Regis area.

Members commented on the professionalism of the video and the good summary of the issues considered.

Officers also commented that similar videos could be produced on other coastal issues in the SCOPAC area, with the possibility of furthering links with local schools and filmmakers to promote key messages to communities.

**65 Themes for Nuts and Bolts Workshop 2018**

The Chairman of the SCG asked members for suggestions of topics for the latest 'Nuts and Bolts' Workshop, due to be held in January / February 2018.

It was agreed that the 2018 'Nuts and Bolts' Workshop topic be 'Waterfront Walls' and detail the issues and difficulties in the maintenance of water-facing wall structures.

**66 Date of Next Meeting**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of SCOPAC be held on Friday 19 January 2018.

**The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 12.08 pm**

STANDING CONFERENCE ON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COASTLINE

6 OCTOBER 2017 – LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING

Councillor Mary Penfold – Chairman of SCOPAC

Cllr Alan Alvey, New Forest District Council  
Councillor Jackie Branson, Chichester Harbour Conservancy  
Councillor John Connor, Chichester District Council  
Dr Samantha Cope, Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership  
Peter Ferguson, New Forest District Council  
Councillor David Harris, Dorset County Council  
Mr Dominic Henley, Chichester DC  
Councillor John Hobart, Isle of Wight Council  
Mr Matt Hosey, Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership  
Jenny Jakeways, Isle of Wight Council  
Honorary Freeman Cllr John Lofts, Christchurch Borough Council  
Councillor Warwick Payne, Southampton City Council  
Matthew Penny, Dorset Council Partnership  
Mr Stevyn Ricketts, Gosport Borough Council  
Mr Neil Watson, Environment Agency  
Mr Gordon Wilkinson, Eastleigh Borough Council  
Mr Steve Woolard, Christchurch Borough Council

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