

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 7 October 2016 commencing at 10.00 am

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

36 Election of SCOPAC Chairman and Vice-Chairman (Paper A)

Nominations for Chairman were invited. One nomination was received and there were no further nominations.

RESOLVED that

- 1) Councillor M Penfold be appointed as Chairman for SCOPAC; and
- 2) The appointment of Vice Chairman was deferred to the next meeting.

37 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Margaret Phipps, Roger Barrow, Mark Anderson, Ingeborg Forder, John Rampton, David Smith, Sam Foulds, Will Shields, Bernadine Maguire, Lyall Cairns, Rachel Pearson, Gemma Taylor, Tim Adams, Steve Cook and Angela Marlow.

38 Minutes (Paper B)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the SCOPAC meeting on 15 January 2016 be approved subject to the following amendments:

- (1) Minute 25 to read 'Members and officers also discussed Flood Re';
- (2) Minute 27 to read 'Steve Cook'.

39 Finance and Accounts for 2014/15 (Paper C)

The Chairman of the SCG was invited to present the Finance and Accounts for 2014/15. Members were informed that the accounts had been successfully audited and officers were comfortable with the accounts as presented, noting the savings achieved in the 2014/15 financial year.

RESOLVED that the Finance and Accounts for 2014/15 be approved.

40 Report on Research & Development - Samantha Cope (Paper D)

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

The update included details of:

SCOPAC Minor Projects Fund:

- Establishing Shingle Transport Pathways
 - o The first phase of the study had been completed and the results will be made available on the SCOPAC website. The second phase of the project would be undertaken in the winter of 2017/18.
- Beach Response in front of structures in open coast
 - o The first stage of the project to examine the level of beach drop during significant storm events would be undertaken in the winter of 2016/17. If the method proves successful, similar studies across the coastline will be considered.
- Poole Nearshore Replenishment Trials
 - o The trial had been completed and the results will be published on the SCOPAC website. Completed surveys had indicated that sediment was moving on-shore but not in the expected quantities. It is hoped the findings from this trial will inform future similar projects.
- Historical Aerial Photography Scanning
 - o Scanning of the first batch of historical photographs is complete and will be made available subject to copyright regulations. Officers were assessing costs for the second phase of the project.
- Dismantling of Timber Groynes at Bournemouth Borough Council
 - o It was advised that Bournemouth Borough Council had deconstructed 7 timber groynes, and were planning to deconstruct the remaining 8 groynes over 2016/17. Tests were on-going on the deterioration of the different materials since initial construction between 1985 to 1987.
- Maintenance of Coastal Structures – Phase 1: Timber Groynes
 - o The current manual will be updated to include other materials being used in the field such as plastic and rock and be called 'CIRIA Groynes in Coastal Management manual'. A workshop is due to take place on the 10th January 2017 to which SCOPAC officers will be invited. A research sub-group meeting is planned for the 11th November to discuss the allocation of SCOPAC funds that had been set aside for the update.
- Update of the SCOPAC Sediment Transport Study
 - o It was advised this study is nearing completion and it was hoped this would be achieved within the current financial year. Members and officers were given an overview of the map available on the SCOPAC website.
- Reducing Regional Flood and Erosion Risk from Wave Action on the Channel Coast Project
 - o The Shingle-B tool has been developed by HR Wallingford for the testing of bi-modal wave conditions on a beach profile. The tool is available for use online on the Channel Coastal Observatory's website (<http://www.channelcoast.org/shingleb/>)

It was agreed the results from the studies carried out by recipients of the Andy Bradbury Bursary would be made available on the SCOPAC website.

41 National Briefing Items - Neil Watson (Paper E)

The Chairman of the Southern Coastal Group introduced the report to members and officers and highlighted the following points:

- The Coastal Strategic Overview Refresh – The refresh was on-going and would include a focus on SMP Action Plans.
- Coastal Change Adaptation – A paper had been circulated to coastal chairs for comment.
- National Coastal Monitoring Programme – Members and officers were informed that a seminar on the South East Coastal Monitoring Programme was taking place in Worthing on 3 November 2016 and members were advised to speak to their officers if they wanted to attend.
- NCERM Updates – Draft updates were with officers to validate with their responses due by 14 October.
- Coastal Asset Data Improvement – An activity to produce a nationally consistent coastal asset dataset was underway and a paper had been presented to Coastal Groups. A procurement exercise was in progress to identify a preferred supplier.
- The impact of climate change on future flood risk – A report had been published detailing the possible outcomes on changes in climate change projections.
- National flood resilience review – Reviews were undertaken following recent winter storms, with a greater emphasis placed on collaborative working between agencies, short-term deployable defences and contingency planning.

Members highlighted the need for effective data capture within local authorities to deal with staff turnover and the need to ensure that data collected is used effectively. It was suggested this could form an item at a future SCOPAC meeting.

42 SCOPAC & Southern Coastal Group Business Plan Themes - Matt Hosey (Presentation)

The Group received a presentation from Matt Hosey on the Southern Coastal Group Budget Themes. The presentation outlined the work of the Group in the previous years and the themes for future work detailed within the business plan. The presentation also highlighted specific projects within the SCOPAC 5 Year Research Programme and details on Procurement Frameworks.

The Group received a recommendation to use £23,000 of unallocated funds for the procurement exercise of the Minor Works Framework. This would allow all SCOPAC member authorities to access the framework (running to 2021) and benefit from the efficiencies produced. This recommendation had received the support of the Southern Coastal Group.

RESOLVED that £23,000 be allocated to give all subscribing local authorities access to the Minor Works Framework for the next four years.

43 The Coastal Sediment Budget Project - Matthew Wadey (Presentation)

The Group invited Matthew Wadey to deliver a presentation on The Coastal Sediment Budget Project. The presentation detailed the progress of the study of sediment sources and transport pathways across the Dolphin Bank and Dolphin Sand and the outcomes of the research.

The following points were covered:

- The study saw 60 samples collected over a 5km by 12km area, with samples 500m apart.
- They were dry-sieved and analysed at the NOC laboratories.
- The results suggest samples collected on the bank were better sorted than samples collected on the beach. The sediment collected on the banks was coarser than the material collected on the beach.
- The outputs would help inform estimates on the direction of sediment transport in the wider Poole and Christchurch Bay areas.

The Chairman thanked Matthew Wadey for his presentation.

44 Update from Members on Current Projects and Initiatives

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

It was suggested that Kevin Good, Beach Manager at Weymouth and Portland Borough Council be invited to the next SCOPAC meeting to update the Group on the current work of the authority.

45 Update on Shoreline Management Plans - Neil Watson (Presentation)

The Chairman of the Southern Coastal Group provided an update to members regarding SMP Action Plans. The SMP Action Plans were in the process of being refreshed and updated to ensure they were accurate and were effective in informing and reporting the work of officers.

It was highlighted that SCOPAC and the SCG had key roles in ensuring the plans were effectively reporting actions and were proactively revised to reflect any changes.

46 AOB & Future Meeting Dates

The Group were advised that the date for the next meeting of SCOPAC would be circulated to all officers and members.

There was no other business.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 12.08 pm

STANDING CONFERENCE ON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COASTLINE

7 OCTOBER 2016 – LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING

Penfold – Chairman of SCOPAC
– Chairman of Southern Coastal Group

Cllr Alan Alvey, New Forest District Council
Councillor Noel Atkins, Worthing Borough Council
Councillor Jackie Branson, Havant Borough Council
Councillor Graham Brown, Purbeck District Council
Dr Ken Buchan, Dorset County Council
Councillor Graham Burgess, Hampshire County Council
Ms Sarah Cairns, West Dorset District Council
Councillor John Connor, Chichester District Council
Dr Samantha Cope, Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership
Dr Uwe Dornbusch, Environment Agency
Councillor James Doyle, Worthing Borough Council
Councillor Keith Evans, Fareham Borough Council
Dr David Harlow, Bournemouth Borough Council
Dominic Henly
Mr Matt Hosey, Portsmouth City Council
Honorary Freeman Cllr John Lofts, Christchurch Borough Council
Councillor Warwick Payne, Southampton City Council
Mr Stevyn Ricketts, Gosport Borough Council
Mr David Robson, Poole Borough Council
Councillor Ray Tindle, Poole Borough Council
Mr Neil Watson, Environment Agency
Rob Whitham, Balfour Beatty
Mr Gordon Wilkinson, Eastleigh Borough Council
Mr Steve Woolard, Christchurch Borough Council