

## **Action Notes from the 2nd meeting of the**

### **“Alderney Marine Forum”**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016, 14.00 – 16.00, Alderney Harbour Office**

Attendees:

Dave McAllister, Chair (DM)  
David Gillingham, The Alderney Fishermen’s Association  
Mark Harding, Alderney Angling  
Nigel Shaw, Alderney Harbour  
Nigel Clarke, Alderney Sailing Club  
Mel Broadhurst, Alderney Wildlife Trust  
Declan Gaudion, Alderney Renewable Energy (DG)  
Tony Haywood, Chamber of Commerce  
Chris Morris, Sea Fisheries (CM)  
Bruno Kay-Mouat (BKM)  
Steve Fletcher, (SF)

Laura Baines, States Of Alderney

Apologies: Graham Gillingham, The Alderney Fishermen’s Association, Catherine Veron, States of Alderney (CV), Helene Turner, Visit Alderney, Ruth Gaudion, Alderney Commission for Renewable Energy (no longer a participating member)

#### **1. Welcome**

The Chairman Dave McAllister (DM) welcomed representatives to the meeting and thanked them for their time.

#### **2. Action Notes of 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 – Tabled and noted.**

Dr Broadhurst clarified that a marine environmental plan is not in place. It was noted that the Ramsar draft report is to go to the States.

Website options have been investigated. SF is to discuss this internally to WCMC to get it established with the publication of the minutes, terms of reference and marine plan.

It was clarified that the media release has been produced and circulated.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

##### **3.1 Extension of Territorial Waters – Update from Steve Fletcher**

SF advised the Forum that he had met with Jo Reeve to discuss the extension of Alderney’s territorial waters. It was noted that this would provide more control for Alderney and Guernsey, and it was advised that any extension would need to take place in collaboration with Guernsey or not at all. It was noted that an important element of securing the extension of

territorial waters for Alderney and Guernsey was to demonstrate that there are robust marine management measures in place across the Bailiwick. The management mechanisms being developed in Alderney through the work of the Forum were noted as a positive step in this direction and one in which Guernsey would need to follow. SF noted that the Alderney marine plan must ensure that it has connections with Guernsey to ensure that a possible future marine plan for Guernsey's waters will be coherent with the Alderney marine plan.

### **3.2 Terms of Reference** – Update from Steve Fletcher.

Proposed Terms of Reference were tabled and discussed. Mr Kay-Mouat queried whether the members of the forum should declare their interests. The members stated that this was apparent with the transparency of the forum with the publication of all documents and minutes from the meetings.

SF stated that there is no other group focussing on these issues and that the Chief Executive and States Members are supportive of this forum.

It was agreed that it would be at the Chairman's discretion to invite additional parties to attend meetings when required, and to terminate any individual's membership from the forum as and when necessary in accordance with the Terms of Reference. It was agreed for flexibility, that each membership should be as an organisation rather than individual people. It was noted that States Members could be invited to meetings, but they would be required to attend as non-political individuals.

The following amendments to the wording of the Terms of Reference were agreed:

- 'Membership is open to any organisation or person with a recognised direct interest....'
- Period of membership – indefinite unless stated otherwise
- Remove 'The Alderney Marine Forum is not directly accountable to any other organisation or person. However, the Forum is indirectly' and continue with 'The Forum is directly accountable to the people of Alderney.....'
- The Terms of Reference will be reviewed every two years or when appropriate.

**SF to circulate revised draft with amendments to all members for information.**

**Victor Brownlees to be invited to attend the next meeting.**

### **3.3 Inclusion of Sewage Works & Marina Development in Strategy**

It was queried whether the inclusion of sewage works and marina development should be recommended by the forum to the States of Alderney to be part of the Strategy –future planning. It was noted that the forum could identify any issues as and when they arise, which can then be passed on to the States of Alderney to be raised at a political level. The forum agreed to continue with due process and any issues that can be included in the plan will be reviewed by the forum.

## **4. Proposed Community Engagement Strategy** – Update from Steve Fletcher.

Proposed Community Engagement Strategy tabled and discussed. The forum discussed whether a public meeting should be held to inform the public before the interviews and surveys go ahead. It was noted that articles could be placed in the Alderney Journal and Press stating the aims and objectives of the Marine Management Forum, and specify why members are involved with recognition of what they do.

**SF to circulate list of specific businesses/organisations for the interview process for any feedback, and web links to members for an example of the film process within the engagement strategy.**

## **5. Licensing of Chartered Angling**

Mr McAllister queried whether the forum could contribute to the licencing of chartered angling. Mr Morris stated that the 12 mile limit extension is still up for debate, and should be looked at together with Guernsey. It was noted that the States of Guernsey handle all licences with the 2011 Fisheries Management Agreement. Alderney does have a 0 – 3 mile Licencing Ordinance, however, Guernsey deals with the licencing on Alderney's behalf. There are challenges facing the selection process to Charter Anglers – enforcement issues, discrimination and litigation challenges that come with any licencing scheme. Mr Morris advised that a structured policy/ licencing regime could be done, which should include the benefits to Alderney, and how it should be delivered.

Mr Harding indicated that the numbers of charter angling vessels are on the decline.

Mr Gillingham stated that it was good to see the charter vessels in Alderney, and that there is no need for licencing.

Mr Morris advised that the chartered angling vessels bring economic value to the island, but this has to be balanced against the conservation controls and the amount of fish these vessels can catch. Alderney has a Fishing Ordinance which has regulatory controls. A full review of this ordinance may be required to ensure that it is fit for purpose. This would help manage Alderney's sustainability and tourism. It was noted that legal advice may need to be sought.

Mr Morris explained to the forum the continuing issues regarding the territorial waters of all the Channel Islands. Mr Gaudion stated that the 12 mile issue needs to be addressed by this forum.

Alderney has access control over the 0 – 3 miles of sea bed.

## **6. Public Information**

### **6.1 Website Development**

### **6.2 Media Coverage**

These two items were discussed under item 3.2.

## **7. Way Forward**

SF will progress with the following items:

- Revise the community engagement strategy
- Produce a timeline for events in the community engagement strategy in order to set up meetings/surveys
- Revise the Terms of Reference
- Set up the website and produce draft logo designs

## **8. AOB**

Mr McAllister asked the group whether they need to discuss harbours/marina's within this forum. Mr Gaudion advised that they should continue with work and strategy of the forum and these specifics may become included in the future. Mr Haywood asked if the questions from previous surveys will be used as a guide for the proposed community engagement. SF clarified that they will be used and he will circulate the survey questions to all members for information.

**9. Date of Next Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> November 1pm – 3pm.

**10. Meeting Closed:** 4.00pm