

Action Notes from the 3rd meeting of the

“Alderney Marine Forum”

Wednesday 30th November 2016, 13.00, Alderney Harbour Office

Attendees:

Dave McAllister, Chair (DM)

Mark Harding, Alderney Angling

Mark Gaudion, Alderney Harbour

Nigel Clarke, Alderney Sailing Club

Mel Broadhurst, Alderney Wildlife Trust

Tony Haywood, Chamber of Commerce (TH)

Mike Harrison, Alderney Maritime Trust

Victor Brownlees, States Of Alderney

Helene Turner, Visit Alderney,

Rachael Scrimgeour, World Conservation Monitoring Centre

Catherine Veron, States of Alderney (CV),

Apologies: David and Graham Gillingham, The Alderney Fishermen’s Association, Declan Gaudion,

Alderney Renewable Energy (DG), Steve Fletcher, World Conservation Monitoring Centre, Chris

Morris, Sea Fisheries, Bruno Kay-Mouat, Alderney Shipping.

1. Welcome

The Chairman Dave McAllister (DM) welcomed representatives to the meeting and thanked them for their time. He introduced Rachael Scrimgeour (RS) from the World Conservation Monitoring Centre to the group and thanks Mike Harrison (MH) and Victor Brownlees (VB) for attending.

2. Action Notes of 23rd September 2016 – were approved with no changes.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Terms of Reference – the finalised version was tabled which were agreed and would be signed off by the Chairman on behalf of the forum members. The only change in membership to the forum was the inclusion of the Alderney Heritage Trust. DM passed on his condolences to Tony Haywood (TH) who had recently stood for election but not been successful but was pleased that TH would therefore continue to be a member of the Forum.

4. Proposed Community Engagement Strategy – a draft community strategy plan was tabled for member comments.

It was suggested by the DM that the public meeting proposed on the 22/2/17 should be postponed until after the stakeholder interviews as he was concerned it would have too many open questions before there was a chance to gather the community’ input.

Members asked RS to forward questions that had been used in previous community engagement surveys so they could consider this further before responding directly to RS with any suggestions.

The forum agreed that the following questions should be considered for inclusion in the survey:

- Should the territorial waters be extended to the 12 mile limit?
- Does the island need a marina?
- How do you currently use the marine environment? Did you know that you own it?
- What do you think about the location of the impot on the cliffs?
- What are your hopes for the future of Alderney's marine environment?
- Are there any improvements which could be made?
- Are you aware of the many different uses of the marine environment?
- Have you got any information that will help the forum which you are willing to share?

Members asked that a link to the website be included in the survey and that it also include a brief introduction to the process, noting the support provided by the States of Alderney.

The list of interviewees should include:

Darren Machon – Lady Marais

Buzz White

Members asked that the survey should include a brief introduction at the start explaining why the group had been set up, who they were and what they were trying to achieve.

A discussion was held regarding the use of mass emailing existing user groups but it was agreed that the various user groups with membership email contacts should be asked to highlight the survey to their members rather than sending out duplicate emails.

5. Support from the States of Alderney

VB asked the forum if the extension of the 12 mile limit was a priority and suggested that the States of Alderney was currently seeking to establish direct communication links with the British Government rather than via Guernsey. If the Alderney Marine Forum agreed, it would lend weight to the States of Alderney argument for having its own voice for direct dialogue with the British Government.

Forum members agreed that remaining within the 3 mile limit held little value for the work of the Forum and the extension to 12 miles was a high priority for the group, especially if it meant progress could be made on this matter within 5 years.

MH pointed out that extending to 12 miles might also entail responsibility for parts of the Hurd Deep and the various risks associated with this stretch of water. He recommended that the Forum consult HMG as to what this might imply in terms of munitions and any other hazardous materials. VB suggested that Steve Fletcher liaise with Tom Appleby to discuss the proposed territorial sea extension and the implications it would have for Alderney. DM would also meet

with Stuart Trought and Jo Reeve when next meeting in Alderney in order to represent the interests of the group. CV would share a summary of the risk report produced for the States of Guernsey on the Hurd Deep with the forum members.

VB pointed out that the Marine Forum had originally been funded out of economic development as it was seen primarily as an economic issue.

6. Public Information

6.1 Website

RS demonstrated the draft website which would be maintained by WCMC for the time being. In due course the film produced by the forum would be available on the website. Members expressed their delight with the website and agreed the email contact arrangements. A discussion was held regarding the value of including a blog but it was agreed that at this stage it was unnecessarily resource intensive and that the public email address would be sufficient for comments.

MH suggested the inclusion of links to other marine surveys on the website e.g ARE, ACRE, Wildlife Trust. All members to send any suitable links or other suggestions to RS.

Members suggested that on the top bar should be a means of making contact although it was agreed to keep the contact details at the bottom of the page as well.

HT offered the use of any suitable Visit Alderney images.

RS would send a link to the finalised website to forum members before it went live.

6.2 Media Coverage

The forum did not believe that any updates on the work of the group via local media were necessary at this stage.

6.3 Draft Logo Design

Members agreed the use of the lighthouse logo which was felt to be appropriate for Alderney and were pleased that it did not represent any one particular sector. The use of both colour versions was agreed.

7. Way Forward

SF/RS will progress with the following items:

- Revise the community engagement strategy
- Revise the timeline for events in the community engagement strategy in order to set up meetings/surveys
- Finalise the website and send link to all members before going live
- Provide a summary of the sectoral activities for the next forum meeting

DM will sign off the Terms of Reference which will be available off the website together with meeting minutes.

8. AOB

Chris Hughes, Archaeologist from Guernsey Museums had offered help if the forum needed any input on archaeological data.

9. Date of Next Meeting: 13th January 1pm – 3pm.

10. Meeting Closed: 4.00pm