

Swansea and Carmarthen Bay Coastal Engineering Group Coastal Engineering Group Meeting	SHEET 1
NOTES OF MEETING HELD AT: Microsoft Teams	
MEETING DATE: 31 st January 2023	
ATTENDED BY	
Clive Moon – Chair (VGC), Stephen Benger, Cath Abbot, Gethin Powell, Hannah Richards, Sarah Hirst, Rhianwen Bailey, Nicola Rimington, Huw Morgans, Helen Jay, Adam Cooper, Jacob Kerven, Daniel Naaif, Gareth Richards, Angharad Llewelyn, James Jewell-Edmonds, Richard Coleman	
APOLOGIES FROM Louise Pennigton, Jean Francois Dulong, Mike Sweeney, Laura Jackson, Sara Taylor, Dewi Davies	
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WRITTEN BY: Michelle Fitzpatrick	DATE: 31.01.23
AGENDA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.0 Introductions and Apologies 2.0 Minutes of last meeting 3.0 Matters arising 4.0 Group Finances/Contributions 5.0 Chairman’s update 6.0 WCMC Coastal Monitoring Update 7.0 SCBCEG Coastal Officer 8.0 Marine Area Statement Coastal Theme Actions 9.0 SMP Policy change requests 10.0 SMP Action Plan Reporting 11.0 SMP Refresh & Next Steps 12.0 High priority areas / issues 13.0 Member Reports 14.0 AOB 15.0 Date of next meeting 	

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1.0	<p>Apologies</p> <p>See above.</p>	
2.0	<p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>Accepted</p>	
3.0	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>SMP action plan – All outstanding responses collected and been submitted to Welsh Coastal Group Forum</p> <p>Terms of reference – still ongoing</p> <p>WCMC training – some take up and have been in touch with GN</p>	
4.0	<p>Group Finances/Contributions</p> <p>Reserves of £244,541.46. Was agreed contributions remain at £500</p>	
5.0	<p>Chairman updates</p> <p>Wales Coastal Group Forum meeting – JFD and WLGA will writing to new coastal cabinet members for LA's which will outline SMP resourcing, refresh and policies. Was also a partial update on SMP returns as still awaiting some to be submitted. The little feedback we've had shows that no great movement on the actions. Severn Estuary update, have reduced actions from 374 to 29. Offer of assistance from Jacob to help thin down the no of actions.</p> <p>Wales Coastal Group planning a political seminar before summer break</p>	
6.0	<p>WCMC Coastal Monitoring Update</p> <p>80% increase in surveys due to increase in budget. Applying for extended pilots license to increase in drone range. New Process scientist, Ben, started in November who has a background in special remote sensing and processing. Coastal snap project being launched around Wales and continuing with the schools programme. Always looking looking for school contacts. GN looking to arrange a face to face</p>	

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7.0	<p>event in summer to raise awareness in coastal monitoring.</p> <p>SCBCEG Coastal Officer Post has been evaluated and will cost the group approx. £84,500 over a 2 year period, CM looking for approval to proceed. Was a discussion on if it should be longer post but was decided on 2 years. The motion was agreed by the vast majority of members and the post will fall under Gwyn and the WCMC</p>	
8.0	<p>Marine Area Statement Coastal Theme Actions</p> <p>Nicola Rimington gave a presentation on Marine Area Statements and gave an overview of the actions. Looking for input from members for what has been missed as a lot of progress has been made. Then decide on what the next priorities will be. Looking to send out a Microsoft form to all members and allow 4 weeks for response</p>	
9.0	<p>SMP policy change request CM outlined the process on how to change an SMP policy. Pembrokeshire looking to split a policy then change what is in the epochs so will need to use the form that JFD circulated.</p>	
10.0	<p>SMP Action Plan reporting</p> <p>Has been submitted. Jacob will be collating the information on behalf of the Welsh Coastal Group Forum and will hopefully be able to give some feedback in the next quarter. For the next return will hopefully have a new template and a coastal officer so collating information will be easier.</p>	
11.0	<p>SMP Refresh & Next Steps</p> <p>No update but will be a priority of the new coastal officer</p>	

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12.0	<p>High Priority Areas / Issues No issues raised by members</p>	
13.0	<p>Member Reports</p> <p>Vale of Glamorgan – No reports of failures, the Bathy survey over at the Knap from a company trailing some different GPS equipment. Work commissioned around Barry from the Old Harbour to Whitmore. Concern the sand level is dropping in Barry Island so resurveying the area.</p> <p>Bridgend – No storm damage. Eastern promenade and Western Breakwater scheme still ongoing. Will hopefully be completed in the next couple of months. Awaiting feedback from NRW regarding the SMP and the next steps forward.</p> <p>Neath Port Talbot – No planned maintenance, some maintenance last year with the rock armour at aberavon and ongoing schemes as mentioned previously. Feasibility study has been completed and that just needs to be taken forward.</p> <p>Carmarthen – 2 construction projects and Llansteffan and Ferryside. Both involve shortening outfalls and putting in new rock armour to protect outfalls. Scheduled to be finished this financial year. Issues with Sand dunes eroded by up to 20 metres in some cases at Cefn Sidan. Area is being monitored and invasive species removed to help stabilise the situation but no other interventions planned at the moment.</p> <p>WCMC installing a SNAP location in Pendine but hoping to install our own inhouse scheme to monitor coastal scenes and create a digital archive of images. Once the Wales Lidar information is provided can decide on any future Lidar surveys. Longer term, hoping to replicate what Pembrokeshire are doing with the Coastal Adaptation Project Community Education Scheme.</p> <p>Pembrokeshire No storm damage and no maintenance, but a cliff fall in Saundersfoot in which the harbour and getting a Geosurvey done as there may be a danger to properties at the top of the cliff. Work going ahead imminently in Tenby for the parapet wall that is funded under the revenue grant. Also dismantling the harbour wall as it is out of season and rebuilding</p>	

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	<p>it as it is deformed in places. No memory of when work was last done to it. WCMC installing a SNAP location on Tenby North beach. Regarding the Sustainable Coastal Communities, presenting to elected members regarding their scheme as it need member by in to progress and to raise awareness what's at stake.</p> <p>NRW – National habitat creation programme 2 sites are progressing, working with the national trust. Also the coastal squeeze guidance published last year is now on the website. A mission statement has been produced outlining the importance of Marine, Coastal and Estuarine sediments.</p> <p>The caravan park site just below St Ishmaels have put in for some pre-application advice for some coastal defence work.</p> <p>Network rail – Some preventative maintenance on the coastal walk and will liaise with Carmarthenshire regarding the sand dune erosion.</p> <p>National trust – Some work at Freshwater West to work on the sluice and also commission a study to look at dune erosion on the front there.</p> <p>Dyfed Archaeological Trust – Continuing to update historic environmental information for the coastal strip and looking for ways to best disseminate the information for those working on SMP projects.</p> <p>AOB</p> <p>Date of next meeting</p>	