

Swansea and Carmarthen Bay Coastal Engineering Group Coastal Engineering Group Meeting	SHEET 1
NOTES OF MEETING HELD AT: Microsoft Teams	
MEETING DATE: 25 th October 2022	
ATTENDED BY	
Clive Moon – Chair (VGC), Michelle Fitzpatrick, Richard Axenderrie, Cath Abbott, Gethin Powell, Hannah Richards, Jacob Kevern, Jean-Francois Dulong, Angharad Llewelyn, Emma Lowe, Mike Sweeney, Huw Morgans, Louise Pennington, Richard Coleman, Sarah Hirst, Sara Taylor	
APOLOGIES FROM Nikki Rimington	
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WRITTEN BY: Michelle Fitzpatrick	DATE: 24.10.22
AGENDA: 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 Group Terms of Reference 7.0 WCMC Coastal Monitoring Update 8.0 SMP Action Plan Reporting 9.0 SMP Refresh & Next Steps 10.0 High priority areas / issues 11.0 Member Reports 12.0 AOB 13.0 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 reporting – Separate agenda item coming up. CM yet to make submission to Welsh Coastal Group Forum yet CM to progress new resource for group, dedicated SMP officer. Still ongoing</p>	
4.0	<p>Group Finances/Contributions</p> <p>No expenditure since last meeting, reserves still the same at around 200K with an eye on funding a new SMP officer role.</p>	
5.0	<p>Chairman updates</p> <p>Did circulate update from the last Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee meeting. If anyone wants further information can contact myself or Darren Thomas who acts as a liaison. JFD commented that there will be more work coming once the report has been digested by ministers. CM met with Jacob for introductions and to discuss SMP 28th Sept Welsh Coastal Group Forum Meeting where it was discussed that the SMP action plans are a top priority. JFD added that we should focus on the business as usual actions so they can be cancelled and can show progress. Also going to focus on the SMP app and work for Measure 11 of the National strategy on which JFD will develop a template. Also looking to map out national prioritisation using the SMP. Started to produce a climate change video to share with the public and active members. 4th Oct Nikki and Rick Parks hosted a webinar on the NRW Coastal Squeeze Guidance in which a link can be sent out if required. There was a WCMC workshop</p>	

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6.0	<p>on 13th oct in which Gwyn has sent out an update from.</p> <p>Group Terms of Reference Not raised as a priority on coastal group forum, but finalised their Terms and so keen for other groups to finalise their own. No update but CM will take it on and look into it and propose Terms at the next meeting. JFD happy to liaise with CM to help go forward</p>	
7.0	<p>WCMC Coastal Monitoring Update CM read out an update from Gwyn. Increased topo programme by 80% for 2022. An extended drone licence has been applied for to increase the monitoring range from shore. A new coastal scientist is expected to join who has a GIS background to help start automating processes. Filming with the WLGA for the FCERM video. Also looking to install citizen science project across the coastline, where as members of the public take photos of a fixed point and send it in via a website or social media. To build up an image bank over a long period of time. CM also shared the link to all the WCMC programmes and if anyone wants any more info to contact Gwyn directly. JFD raised whether it would be possible for any of the members who have new starters / apprentices / interested staff members if they could shadow WCMC get in touch with Gwyn.</p>	
8.0	<p>SMP Action Plan reporting Thanks to everyone who's provided a response. Anyone who has any outstanding to send them in ASAP</p>	ALL
9.0	<p>SMP Refresh & Next Steps Once priority areas identified, the new resource can go through any recommendations and help implement and try and reduce the number of actions we have to report. Jacob prioritised targets for members of the Severn estuary group following a workshop to help highlight priority areas, once again emphasising in highlighting the 'Business as Usual' response. Decision needs to be made whether we keep pace with England as a new SMP action template has been produced and do Welsh authorities follow suite. The</p>	CM

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	<p>Severn Estuary Coastal group covers both Countries. Jacobs hired as consultants and produced a health check report for the SMP which has recommendations. Next financial year with the new resource can hopefully start looking at the recommendations suggested. There is an improved SMP webpage on NRW's website which has links to supplementary guidance. The question was raised again whether Wales will follow England in using the new template. Welsh Government have indicated that they'd like NRW to develop a portal to improve public accessibility to SMP's. Progress is slow at the moment but all likelihood NRW will be setting up an in house web project team and may be tasked with setting this project up. EA in England are also looking at NCERM 2, which will be looking to come up with improved coastal erosion estimates. There is no intention in Wales to undertake NCERM at present.</p> <p>Highlighted once again that there will be work coming regarding the SMP refresh and action plan reporting. So keep on top of actions in case of changes.</p> <p>10.0 High Priority Areas / Issues Getting the SMP action plan updates in and the ongoing SMP refresh was agreed to be the groups priorities.</p> <p>Member Reports VOG – No updates, concerns, storm damage or inspections. Bridgend – No storm damage, inspections are ongoing and no issues identified. Eastern Prom scheme ongoing hopefully completed end of the year.</p> <p>11.0 Neath - No storm damage, ongoing maintenance and normal schemes. Looking at the Fabian Way coastal outfall the feasibility has been done and looking at the detailed design. Coastal monitoring ongoing. Received the survey for the Aberavon CRMP which has received a fair bit of erosion on the western part of the rock armour. Swansea – No storm damage, inspections ongoing. Mumbles Coastal Defence Scheme will have some site presence this side of Christmas. Speaking to the preferred contractor to finalise the preferred methodology.</p>	CM

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<p>12.0</p>	<p>Carmarthen – Ongoing maintenance and repairs. Pre high tide check of flap valves in Llanstefan and Llangenith as they block. Undertaken T98 inspections but also in the process of potentially undertaking Lidar surveys.</p> <p>Pembrokeshire – No storm damage, small maintenance such as repairing a pedestrian access ramp at Amroth as well as shingle bank. Pembroke barrage scheme which is currently undertaking a feasibility study funded by small scale grant. Tenby Harbour parapet wall that falls under the revenue grant. All starting imminently as now work can be carried out during the tourist season. Wall in Amroth that should remain for the next 10 years but may not, so currently quotes are out for a preliminary assessment. Major cliff fall in Amroth last sept which took the coastal path out so currently a diversion in place.</p> <p>NRW – Few staff changes, Richard Axendaerrie replacing Debbie Fields on the asset performance team under Gareth Richards. Emma Lowe in marine advisory role.</p> <p>Some licenses have been issued for repair works in St Ishmaels and Ferryside. Annual intertidal surveys of Carmarthen Bay have been completed so now looking at the failed features of the SAC's.</p> <p>Sara Taylor – PFR study with JBA still ongoing along with the NFM study.</p> <p>JFD – Transition and Recovery programme run by WG to help LA's reach Net Zero. Training material and engagement material has been released and extended to cover climate change.</p> <p>AOB</p> <p>Sara Taylor – Email sent out noting key dates including the pipeline submissions for LA RMA's.</p> <p>JFD – Training available through the WCMC being put together. Ranging from basic understanding to more specific coastal elements.</p> <p>NRW – Annual subscriptions, could the group agree on annual subs for the forthcoming financial year as NRW will want PO's raised prior to start of financial year.</p> <p>Date of next meeting 31st January 2023</p>	