

Shetland Islands Marine Spatial Planning Advisory Group Meeting

Wednesday 25th of July 2018 at 10am

NAFC Marine Centre

In attendance

Rachel Shucksmith
Phillip Robertson
Val Turner
Steve Mathieson
Austin Taylor
Martin Schofield
Davie Sandison
Janet Davies
Carole Laignel
Sheila Keith
Kathryn Allan
Ruth Henderson
John Rosie
Ryan Leask
Jonathan Swale
Simon Pallant
Charlotte Slater

Apologies

Paul Harvey
Rebecca Kinnear

1. Minutes of last meeting

Some amendments from JS. Approved by RL, Seconded by SM.

2. Queen of Sweden Historic MPA

PR gave a concise presentation on the proposed Queen of Sweden Historic MPA in Bressay Sound. The project was met with interest from the advisory group members with SP asking what the benefits of the MPA designation could be. Archaeological practice, recording artefacts and tourism were offered as benefits.

3. Update on plans development

RS and CS emailed each community council to ask if the councils would like to discuss any issues in their district in regards to the marine environment to make sure the plan wasn't missing anything in the policies. There was a good response rate and attended meetings across Shetland this summer.

RS stated the plan was nearly finished and there was no impact on SACs. In light of Brexit it has been recommended to remove any reference to EU legislation. There is some complications with the policy such as the EU Habitat Directive and it is not 100% clear how the government are going to sort it at the moment. The plan will be circulated to the advisory group for comment over the next few weeks.

AT did not think the NNRs and LNCS should be grouped together. MS suggested moving NNRs into a group with SSSIs.

4. Supporting Assessment- CRUIA, EQIA, BRIA

RS stated that MK has been working on the supporting documents. It has been indicated in the CRUIA that the RMP will have no additional impact on children in Shetland. MK also approached Disability Shetland.

The Partial BRIA will have interviews with particular businesses and trade organisations and is in the next phase. The advisory group was asked whether any group was not covered by the Partial BRIA. A number of suggestions were given by the group.

RS noted there were a number of BRIA options, and it had been decided the 3rd option (adoption of the SIRMP after a public consultation) will be pursued.

At the start of the partial BRIA, MK had to consider additional cost to businesses. MK grouped policies together to make it shorter and easier to understand and gone through and noted whether policies will cause additional cost. This was circulated to the advisory group and members were reminded to send any comments to MK before the consultation. AT noted that the document was well laid out but wondered if there was an error with the last three policies. RS responded that it was a copy and paste error.

5. Update on Maritime Heritage project

CS gave a brief update on the Maritime Heritage Project. Papa Stour, Fair Isle and Skerries had now been visited and recorded with Foula unfortunately removed from the project at this time as it had not been possible to visit. A book is in development and should be published before Christmas.

6. Update on Sullom Voe Harbour Area Crown Estate Management Pilot Application

John Smith has hoped to attend the meeting but had another meeting to attend so had met with RS, JR and RL earlier.

JR gave a brief overview of why the Sullom Voe Harbour Area Crown Estate Management Pilot Application had come about and that the Stage 1 application was due in mid-August. A working group had been set up and both RL and JR sat on the group.

There was some confusion in the group over the Stage 1 application and a Sullom Voe Management Plan in regards to consultation procedure. RS reiterated that the two projects were separate with the Stage 1 application similar to an Expression of Interest which did not need a full consultation at this point. JR asked that any concerns were sent to himself or RL before the next working group meeting.

7. AOB

RS Kathryn is starting in the MSP section and has worked at NAFC for 10 years in the fisheries section.

JR thanked everyone for coming.