

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Cross Party Group on Recreational Boating
and Marine Tourism, by Conference Call
29th October 2020 at 10am**

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Stuart McMillan MSP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **AGM**

Convenor Stuart McMillan MSP
Proposed: Graham Russell **Seconded: Martin Latimer**

Deputy Convenor Emma Harper MSP
Liam Kerr MSP

Proposed: Stuart McMillan **Seconded: Andrew Rendle**

Secretariat James Allan (RYA Scotland)

Pauline McGrow (RYA Scotland)

3. **Minute from Meeting on 3rd March 2020**

The minutes were approved as an acceptable record.

Proposed: Simon Limb **Seconded: Martin Latimer**

4. **Minutes from Meeting on 26th June 2020**

The minutes were approved as an acceptable record with the following changes:

Proposed: Alan Rankin **Seconded: Gordon Daly**

5. **AOCB**

GR reported on the Sector Plan for Offshore Wind. This will affect the clubs in the Solway Firth. The proposed site is no larger in the plan and some areas have been reduced in size.

Action: Sectoral Marine Plan to be circulated to CPG members.

Emma Harper MSP reported that there are issues around offshore wind. There is a bridge/tunnel planned from Stranraer to Belfast. EH further stated that she would be happy to get feedback on offshore wind so that she can be better informed. GR stated that he is happy with what has been issued and that he had also been approached by the developer.

Clair McFarlane, (Solway Firth Partnership) stated that if you want further information then she would be happy to discuss with Emma Harper MSP.

Action/Decision: ML asked if it would be possible for the Marine Tourism Partnership Pack to be launched at the next meeting on 24th November by James Stuart. SMCM agreed that this could take place.

Action: In February 2021 the partnerships will be announced.

AR provided an update on work to date re Covid-19.

- Seeking financial support for the sector. Sail Scotland have done a joint submission with Wild Scotland and have been bidding for Quarter 1 funding support for Charter and Mooring buoys for independent moorings as there will be high expenditure period in Quarter 1.
- Looking at workable rules
- Marine boat operators – structured discussion taking place with government and health officials and are looking at how different operators may be able to trade in the spring for charter and cruise sector and getting detailed working protocols.
- Recovery marketing fund – VisitScotland Growth Fund and are seeking to quadruple.
- YOCW/VisitScotland/Marketing digital campaign for recovery in 2021.
- Meeting held with Fergus Ewing MSP, title in here. Meeting was held over the weekend. The tourism sector not getting same support and biased towards the licence trade which is being raised as issue.
- Collecting more visibility for outdoor activities, wellbeing and mental health.
- Making a case that tourism and outdoor activities gets higher visibility as the debate gets taken forward and striving to get funding support and are seeking help to press these messages.

SMCM thanked AR for the information and update.

GR stated that he supported what AR was saying. What are the circumstances for mixed groups that can sail together. GR gave an example of sailing and mitigations and precautions being put in place. GR stated that there is a need for flexibility think about this over the winter.

SMCM stated that the tiering system will be on a 2-4 weeks and will be reviewed every week.

SL stated that it has been positive with field of play/bubbles that have been put in place to allow boating to take place.

Date of Next Meeting

24th November 2020 at 6pm online.

Thanks was given for all contributions and the meeting closed with vote of thanks to Chair.

APPENDIX 1

ACTIONS

1.	<u>Marine Tourism Partnerships</u> Marine Tourism Partnership Pack to be launched at the next meeting on 24 th November by James Stuart. February 2021 - the partnerships will be announced.	James Stuart	29/10/20	On agenda for meeting on 24 th Nov
2.	<u>Sectoral Marine Plan</u> To be circulated to CPG members.	PM	29/10/20	13/11/20

**APPENDIX 2
ATTENDANCE**

Name	Organisation
Stuart McMillan	Convenor
Pauline McGrow	RYA Scotland, Secretariat
James Allan	RYA Scotland, Secretariat
Graham Russell	RYA Scotland
Martin Latimer	British Marine Scotland
Sarah Brown	WHAM
Stuart Smith	Scottish Canoe Association
Andrew Randle	Scottish Coastal Rowing
Clair McFarlan	Solway Forth Partnership
Carlene McAvoy	ROSPA/Water Safety Scotland
Gordon Daly	RYA Scotland/ (will take part by phone)
Michael Avril	Water Safety Scotland
Simon Limb	British Marine Scotland
Alan Rankin	Sail Scotland
Paul Bancks	Crown Estate Scotland
David Adams McGilp	VisitScotland
Aileen Monk	British Marine Scotland
Emma Harper MSP	

APPENDIX 3

APOLOGIES

Name	Organisation
David Vass	RYA Scotland
Sarah Dolman	Whale and Dolphin Conservation
Douglas McDiarmid	Thomas Telford Corpach Marina
Sarah Kennedy	Fort William and Shoreline Company
Eilid Ormiston	West Highlands College