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**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Cross Party Group on Recreational Boating
and Marine Tourism, by Conference Call
4th March 2021 at 2pm**

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Stuart McMillan MSP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Minute from Meeting on 24th November 2020**

The minutes were approved as an acceptable record.

Proposed: **Simon Limb** **Seconded:** **Gordon Daly**

3. **Actions arising from minutes of 24th November 2020**

- **David Davies to post up videos on Stranraer Watersports Association website**
Emma Harper MSP stated that she would follow this up.

- **Contact details from Emma Cuffe to Annabel Lawrence** – PM confirmed that this was provided.

Report for Parliamentary Session 2016 to 2021

Action: SMCM requested that PM put together a summary of meetings held in the session for inclusion in the report for Parliamentary Session 2016 to 2021.

Red/White Diesel

ML reported that British Marine and RYA have been pursuing this. We can continue to use red diesel but there are complications with Northern Ireland. It is very good news and will save money for the industry and users and the logistics for clearing out the tanks. SMCM asked has there been any feedback, ML stated that none had been received as yet.

Action: it was agreed to keep SMCM informed of any feedback received.

Future topics for Discussion

A discussion took place on future topics for the Cross Party Group in the next session of Parliament should it be re-established after the elections. SMCM stated that we should continue to push ourselves and improve our input. ML commented that the meetings have been very useful, and attendance has gone up, but it would be good to encourage more MSPs to attend the meetings and raise issues that are relevant to MSP and constituents. SMCM reiterated that it is important that we engage with MSPs.

A discussion took place on apprenticeships and it was acknowledged that it will be important to focus on youth employment. ML stated that this aligns with what is happening within the marine industry.

Emma Harper MSP stated that the Stranraer Watersports Association hugely appreciated the opportunity to being invited to speak at the CPG. Emma Harper MSP indicated that she would wish to continue to be involved with the Cross Party Group and gave her thanks to SMCM.

The following items were suggested as future agenda topics:

Low Carbon Travel

GR suggested working with other CPGs on low carbon travel as it is important for the sport, boaters and others and it would be beneficial to have a joined-up approach.

Action: It was agreed that the first meeting after the election to have this as a focus topic agenda. It was also agreed that we look at other areas that could become focus topics for both this Cross Party Group and other groups that are established post-election. ML agreed that it would be good to keep it as single focussed subject for joint group meetings.

SL also asked if we could look at hybrid boats and the setting up the infrastructure.

Action: Members to consider areas within the environmental arena with single agenda item at first meeting in the new session of Parliament.

The other following items were proposed as future agenda topics:

National Covid-19 Recovery Plan

AR stated that it would be good to align items and have key line that is the environment so we should keep it on the horizon so that we are it is relevant to COVID.

Myles Farnbank suggested 2 issues to cover:

- **Giant Strides Marine Tourism Strategy**
- **Our Waters Clean and Blue**
 - **The return of the 3-mile fishing zone seeking CPG views.**
 - **Impact of dredging on fishing inshore.**
 - **Other issues re marine environment**

Action: JS suggested gathering environmental items under this heading of Our Waters Clean and Blue.

4. AOCB

Myles Farnbank outlined the New WiSe Adventure Course that is taking place. **Action: MF to forward details to PM for onward circulation to the CPG members.**

CPG Terms of Reference - ML suggested having revised Terms of Reference for CPG.

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

APPENDIX 1

ACTIONS

1.	<u>Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee</u> PM to contact Clerk to the Committee Lynn Tullis and Convenor Gillian Martin MSP (SNP Aberdeen).	SMCM	18/9/20	Ongoing
2.	<u>East Coast</u> Forth Estuary Forum and the Tay Estuary Forum have been carrying out preliminary work that will help underpin the planning of the Forth and Tay Marine Region. Invite to be sent to Chris Cutts (chris.cutts@forthestuaryforum.co.uk) to discuss.	PM		Barry Shafe attending the June meeting (Chris Cutts now left Forth Estuary Forum)
3.	<u>Marine Litter</u> Recycling Schemes – PM to send an email to both Audit Scotland and Keep Scotland Beautiful to get information and will circulate information.	PM		Contact provided, needs to be followed up.
4.	<u>Red/White Diesel</u> It was agreed to keep SMCM informed of any feedback received.	PM	4/3/21	
5.	<u>Report for Parliament</u> This will be drafted for the Parliamentary end of session in 2021.	SMCM	18/9/20	Ongoing
6.	<u>David Davies to post up videos on Stranraer Watersports Association website</u> Emma Harper MSP stated that she would follow this up.			
7.	<u>Future topics for Discussion</u>			

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Low Carbon Travel</u> The first meeting after the election to have this as a focus topic agenda. 2. look at other areas that could become focus topics for both this Cross Party Group and other groups that are established post-election with single focus topic. 3. Hybrid boats and the setting up the infrastructure. 4. <u>National Covid-19 Recovery Plan</u> AR stated that it would be good to align items and have key line that is the environment so we should keep it on the horizon so that we are it is relevant to COVID. 5. Giant Strides Marine Tourism Strategy – Our Waters Clean and Blue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The return of the 3-mile fishing zone seeking CPG views. • Impact of dredging on fishing inshore. • Other issues re marine environment 6. <u>Our Waters Clean and Blue</u> Gather environmental items under this heading. 			
8.	<p><u>Cross Party Group Terms of Reference</u></p> <p>Consideration to be given to revising the Terms of Reference.</p>			

**APPENDIX 2
ATTENDANCE**

	Name	Organisation
1.	Stuart McMillan MSP	Convenor
2.	Emma Harper MSP	
3.	Pauline McGrow	RYA Scotland, Secretariat
4.	Gordon Daly	RYA Scotland
5.	Martin Latimer	British Marine Scotland
6.	Jonathan Mosse	RYA Scotland
7.	Graham Russell	RYA Scotland
8.	James Stuart	British Marine Scotland/One Planet Consulting
9.	Stuart Smith	Scottish Canoe Association
10.	Myles Farnbank	SAAF
11.	Annabel Lawrence	University of Highlands and Islands
12.	Andrew Rendle	Scottish Coastal Rowing Association
13.	Simon Limb	British Marine Scotland
14.	Clair McFarlan	Solway Firth Partnership
15.	Sarah Kennedy	Fort William and Shoreline company
16.	Charles Bird	RYA Scotland
17.	Alan Rankin	Sail Scotland

APPENDIX 3

APOLOGIES

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Name	Organisation
Eilid Ormiston	West Highland College
Michael Avril	Water Safety Scotland
Glenn Porter	Clyde Cruising Club, Sail Scotland, rya Scotland/Ocean Sailing Scotland
James Allan	RYA Scotland
David Davies	Stranraer Watersports Association