

Forth Area Advisory Group Meeting

Tolbooth, Stirling

13 November 2012

Action Note

Present: Chris Alcorn, West Lothian Council
 David Anderson, RSPB
 Mandy Brown, Falkirk Council
 Lin Bunten, SEPA (Chair)
 Richard Callender, Stirling Council
 Chris Cutts, Forth Estuary Forum
 Colin Davidson, Midlothian Council
 Julie Dewar, City of Edinburgh Council
 Quintin Donald, Scottish Government RPID
 Tom Hobbs, Forestry Commission Scotland
 Andrea Johnstonova, SEPA
 Kath Leys, SNH
 Shona McConnell, SEPA
 Geoff Moy, Fife Council
 Gordon Roger, Clackmannanshire Council
 Esther Rogers-Nicoll, Perth and Kinross Council
 Carmel Rowlands, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park
 Jean Squires, East Lothian Council
 Daye Tucker, Scottish Land and Estates/NFUS

Apologies: Ruth Briggs, Forth Estuary Forum
 Patrick Fotheringham, River Forth Fisheries Trust/Forth DSFB
 Graeme Hedger, West Lothian Council
 Derek McGlashan, Forth Ports
 Katie Rodrigues, The Coal Authority

This action note comprises the outstanding actions carried forward from May 2012 meeting and new actions arising from meeting held on 13 November 2012

Action number	Action	Owner	Date to be completed
1	Local authorities to request RBMP session as and when they require one As per discussion at meeting SEPA are expecting requests to attend the following sessions: Stirling – Spring 2013 once new guidance finalised Clackmannanshire – Late Spring/Summer 2013 once LDP in place West Lothian – November 2013	All local authority reps	Ongoing
2	Give progress update on licence reviews undertaken/future reviews (<i>standing action</i>)	Shona McConnell	As and when information is available.
3	Feedback AAG ideas (<i>as listed in action 4 - May 2012 meeting</i>) to SEPA's planning service regarding appropriate developer groups to deliver RBMP and planning messages presentation Speak with NAG COSLA representative in relation to incorporating RBMP messages into the Improvement Service's half day Planning Reform training programmes	Shona McConnell	March 2013
4	AAG reps continue to send in photographs and grid	All	Ongoing

	references for fish barriers		
5	Check if Scotland's Environment web could be used to gather info on fish barriers	Shona McConnell	May 2013
6	<p>Follow up discussion/actions regarding action 7 on invasive non-native species from May 2012 meeting:</p> <p>Key issues identified were training inspectors on how to identify species and training for inspectors and farmers on how to tackle.</p> <p>SM to discuss following internally to see if could be taken forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine links with Scottish Agricultural College/find out what they are doing • Options for SEARS partners to work together to address training/inspection issues • Develop tools for communicating with farmers e.g. simple, visual fliers at local Auction Marts, NFU boards • Check if Scotland's Environment web could be used to log information on sightings and obtain update on development of smart phone application 	Shona McConnell	August 2013
7	Follow up potential Midlothian Council funding contribution to Forth strategic INNS project (<i>carried forward from May 2012 meeting</i>)	Colin Davidson/ Patrick Fotheringham	As soon as possible
8	Forth strategic INNS project - AAG need to understand why urban areas excluded from INNS project and what plans there are to drive forward works in these areas to ensure catchment approach is followed	Shona McConnell/ Patrick Fotheringham	As soon as possible
9	Circulate elected members river basin planning information sheet to local authority reps. Local authority reps to forward to member services.	Shona McConnell/All local authority reps	As soon as possible
10	Forward available pressure information on small water bodies in City of Edinburgh Council area to Caroline Peacock	Shona McConnell	As soon as possible
11	River Avon/Slammanan restoration project – feed back to steering group potential to link with River Avon Heritage Trail and CSFT	Shona McConnell	January 2013
12	Restoration Fund – all AAG members to think about potential projects. Pre-application discussions should be held with SEPA restoration specialists where possible	All AAG members	Ongoing
13	Forth multiple benefits project – investigate if delivering multiple benefits projects could be a future SRDP funding priority	Shona McConnell	May 2013