



**Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries European Marine Site  
Relevant Authorities Group**

**Notes of Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2005  
At Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre, Penclacwydd, Llanelli**

**1. Present:**

Deb Hill	CC Swansea	Jeff Morgan	Dwr Cymru
Rebecca Wright	CCW	David Poulter	Carmarthenshire C.C
Kate Collins	EA		

**2. Apologies for absence:**

Jane Hodges	PCNP	Phil Coates	SWSFC
Blaise Bullimore	CCW	Trevor Theobald	Pembrokeshire CC
Ziggy Otto	CCW		

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting**, held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005 were approved subject to the following:

- i) addition of members present;
- ii) in 8. after "Kelda have won contract" add "for waste-side management". After "from this date" add "United Utilities will retain the contract for clean water management for the next 15 years";
- iii) in 8. deletion of reference to Helwick Bank.

**4. Matters Arising**

- i) **Reg. 33 consultation:** RW advised that comments were being reviewed prior to publication of revised advice in March 2006. Few comments had been received in respect of CBE EMS.
- ii) Swansea LBAP. DH advised that CC Swansea hoped to adopt the Plan as supplementary planning guidance in March/April 2006

**5. Project Officer**

The sub-group suggested at the previous meeting had not met. DH reported that CC Swansea had finished the job evaluation and agreed that a Scale 6/SO1 salary grade was appropriate. The situation of the Project Officer for the Association of Severn Estuary Authorities was discussed. DH said that promised funds would need to be rolled-forward. The possibility of combining the post with a separate contract was discussed. KC and DP agreed that this was acceptable to, respectively, Environment Agency and Carmarthenshire CC. KC agreed to bid for additional funds from EA for the 2006/07 period. DH said that she needed approval from CCS's Vacancy Monitoring Committee, but did not anticipate any difficulty with this. It was agreed

that the post should be advertised at Scale 6/SO1. DH would work out how long the post could be financed for and circulate details to the RAG before placing the advert. It was agreed that an advert in newspapers be supplemented by email advertising, via CMS, Arfordir, ALGE and CoastNet.

The sub-group would be asked to manage interviewing of candidates.

It was agreed that completion of issues and activities reports, and maps could be contracted out using finance offered by CCW for 2005/06. DH agreed to seek quotes.

## **6. Review of Issues Report and Activities Report**

It was agreed that RAG members should submit comments to DH. RW queried availability of maps. DP suggested that if the next RAG meeting was held in Swansea it should be possible to view maps via PowerPoint.

## **7. Partner Updates**

**CCW:** RW reported that CCW was inviting research on salt-marsh changes in the Burry Inlet as a follow-up to the Bristow study. DH referred Swansea University's proposed research on jellyfish in Carmarthen Bay

**DC:** JM referred to the continuing priority of refurbishment of existing infrastructure, inc. CSO's. He said that DC hoped to assist funding of Biological Records Centres in Wales.

## **8. Any Other Business**

**i) Gower AONB 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** RW reported that organisations, including CCW, National Trust and CCS are preparing a programme of events for the anniversary year. It was agreed that this opportunity to raise awareness of CBEEMS should be used. JM referred to bursaries available for short-term educational contracts. A CBEEMS leaflet and pull-up banner was agreed to be worthwhile. Contacts for advice were thought to include Sue Burton (Pembs.EMS), Dyfrig Jones (WTSWW), Adam Cole-King (CCW) and Geraint Bevan (Carms. CC Schools geography adviser). DH and JM agreed to liaise in preparation of a contribution.

**ii) Proposed increase in sand dredging at Helwick Bank.** RW indicated that a public inquiry was likely before WAG made a decision.

**9. Next Meeting** to be held at the Wetlands Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2006, commencing at 10.30 a.m.