



**LOCH RYAN MARINE SAFETY FORUM
MEETING 2**

14 MARCH 2022
VIRTUAL MEETING- MS TEAMS

Attendees

William Jones	Regional Harbour Master, DGC	WJ
Ian Cooper	Principal Technician, DGC	IC
George Combe	Harbour Master / Marine Superintendent, Stena Line Ports	GC
Stuart Wilson	Harbour Master for Larne and Cairnryan (Port of Cairnryan Ltd) and Designated Person	SW
Craig Rennie	P&O – Manager, Port of Cairnryan	CR
Byron Griffiths	MCA Belfast	BC
Richard Morgans	Coastguard Sector Commander	RM
Adam Lewis	Northern Lighthouse Board	AL
Hannah Logan	RNLI & Stranraer Water Sports Association	HL
Graham Russell	RYA Scotland	GR

Apologies

James McLeod	Infrastructure Manager
Raymond Mundle	Marina User
Karl Munday	NatureScot
Tristan Hugh-Jones	Loch Ryan Oysters
Capt Kaiser Ali	MCA Glasgow
Kyle Anderson	RNLI Community Safety Officer
David Williamson	Police (Small Ports)

Distribution: All attendees, MCA, Duty Holder of respective SHAs.

Purpose: A Committee to manage safe navigation in the northern half of Loch Ryan for where (once a Stranraer Harbour Revision Order is approved) there is no Statutory Harbour Authority.

Item	Description	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies	

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	WJ welcomed attendees and noted apologies	
2	Minutes from 17 September 2021	
	Minutes were approved	
3	Matters arising	
	WJ noted that more involvement was needed from commercial and leisure users	WJ
4	Navigational Safety	
4.1	RM noted there were no incidents in Loch Ryan except for a vehicle leaving the road	
	WJ noted a vessel aground on the beach at Kirkcolm	
	CR noted passing incident between ferries in January but outwith remit as outside Loch Ryan	
	WJ noted impact of winter storms and risk of mooring lines being let go through antisocial behaviour	
4.2	WJ invited comments on Code of Practice	
	GR noted it could be sent to Clyde Cruising Club. GR to forward	GR
5	HRO Progress	
	WJ noted the HRO should be sent to Transport Scotland by the end of March	
	GR noted RYA accepted the requirement for general directions and that the RYA lawyer, Gus Lewis would give feedback on the HRO	
6	Conservancy	
6.1	WJ noted a requirement to change LAtons when new marina/breakwater constructed	
	AL confirmed he would look at any proposals	
	HL noted a requirement to light the marker at the end of the sewer pipe if it is to be retained. HL to contact NLB to check on ownership	HL
6.2	GC noted bathymetric survey to be carried out at Easter	
	SW noted they would liaise with Stena	
6.3	GC noted they were looking for a renewal of their dredging license	
	AL noted that there is now a requirement to get a license exemption from MS to sample the sediment	
	WJ noted that there were plans to lower the beach level in Stranraer	
7	Emergency Planning	
	WJ asked how blue light services coordinated exercises	
	RM noted arrangements were made at a local level	
	WJ noted upcoming emergency exercise in Kirkcudbright and will give feedback	WJ
	GC noted Stena ran an exercise 2 years ago, they will be having an exercise later this year and a Tier 2 exercise next year	
	WJ asked if South Ayrshire had attended exercise	

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	GC confirmed South Ayrshire had not attended. GC will provide WJ with South Ayrshire contact details	GC
8	Leisure Activities	
8.1	RNLI (HL) noted they had towed in one yacht but were carrying out training	
8.2	SWSA (HL) noted they had a new employee, Max Higgins, as a senior instructor and were advertising for a trainee instructor	
8.3	Marina (WJ) noted future development	
	GR noted interaction between cruising sailors and SWSA should be considered	
	CR queried extent of future vessel movements	
	WJ confirmed that there was a likelihood of additional vessel transiting the loch	
	GR noted that many yachts don't go anywhere and cruising yachts tend to be more experienced	
	BG noted Code of Practice would need updating when marina expanded	
	GR noted marina use would depend on advertising	
	WJ noted GR comments and said drone photos of harbour would be sourced to help promotion of marina	
9	AOB	
	RM noted Ops Room in Belfast should be invited to next meeting. Contact Alex.Smith@mcga.gov.uk	WJ
	SW raised DGC delay to the proposed Navigational Risk Assessment	
	WJ noted that there had been issues with procurement but hopefully these had been resolved.	