

SMC Plenary meeting



Introductions

DL welcomed all to the CMS boardroom, and thanked CMS in absentia. 60% of the members are represented here.

Updates on activity

DL acknowledged we've been quiet, but have been quietly getting on with things.

- LISW 19 will be a major event. Tickets for LISW 2017 did go fast and there is a limit of 120 POB, so please apply for your tickets soon through Tracey Shek.
- We recognise need for more opportunities to get together. Workstreams have been set up but these have not been as successful as we would have liked.
- Funding from Scottish Enterprise allowed us to work with Optimat, producing the economic and strategic report.
- Four maritime workshops have been held, each successful in its own right – on Digital, Green, Offshore and Manufacturing. Now planning Contractual and Diversity workshops.

Building on these foundations for growth, this afternoon's meeting is about looking forwards.

Executive Director

PKC provide update on status – Scottish Enterprise is finalising the T&Cs on the contract and we expect to announce an appointment shortly, with a formal launch at LISW. Funding initially for one year plus a second year option. Role to cover: Expand pipeline of opportunities; Encourage discretionary effort given to maritime clustering; Encourage Scottish Maritime companies to cooperate; Enhance Scottish Maritime companies potential revenue and jobs; and Develop and deliver a self-sustainability model for the Cluster.

Advanced Manufacturing workshop

Iain Shirlaw provided a briefing on the outcomes. Fife Council is part of EU's CLIPPER project under EU "InterReg" funding which aims to identify solutions for regional economies which have lost the bulk of the work previously provided in large naval shipyards. Each of the regions has a cluster to help companies work together and cooperate with government. A recent CLIPPER meeting in Keil produced a number of potential opportunities. Open invitation to connect with European clusters. Benefit of getting people together who only previously met in airports or at a distance. Alan Mackaskill presented a challenge to the group on floating offshore wind. Notes will be available.

London International Shipping Week

LISW is expected to bring c.20,000 maritime leaders through London in the second week of September. The cluster event will be held onboard the Northern Lighthouse Board's Light Vessel Pharos. Marketing/stand/stores material for Pharos are to be sent to Oban for loading and will be returned to there. Pharos will be piped into the berth in London. SMC is the first event, Monday evening. The large working deck will have the marquee and displays. Rest of week it is hosting DfT, Chamber of Shipping and Isle of Man events. NLB is keen to help at minimal hassle. DfT is helping with Ministerial attendance – either Shipping Minister or SoS Scotland.

Women in Maritime

PKC introduced this initiative, led from Maritime UK, to encourage and strengthen the presence of women in our sector as part of wider thinking on diversity and inclusion. The initiative includes a

Women in Maritime Charter – see the Maritime UK website – and PKC encouraged Scottish companies to sign up to this, as few have so far. Clyde Marine Training have arranged two Scottish dates this year for Maritime UK to deliver the Women in Maritime workshop on confidence in public speaking. More details will follow.

Scottish Maritime Strategy

KH provided update. Scottish Government is keen to roll out a strategy, and the SMC board has helped Transport Scotland to develop it. Likely launch at SMC LISW event. Likely to include support for maritime businesses and the cluster, to help overcome lack of awareness of our sector. Looking for case studies – please advise KH. KH also looking for people to go out to schools to talk about the diversity of maritime jobs available in Scotland. Phase 2 may produce promotional material on each of the sub-sectors. ARX noted strong support of the maritime community and Scottish Government for the sector. PKC noted that Transport Scotland are also updating the Marine Atlas of Scotland and would welcome comments see Scotland's Marine Atlas esp pp172 – 175 [Maritime Transport](#). DfT reiterated their offer of help to promote maritime sector.

SMC Website

Michelle Watt updated us on website development. No new version has been developed yet. The current version remains very basic, and difficult to amend. Content won't be an issue – use the website as an extra source to promote what the companies are already doing. Current admin rights provided to MW are not adequate to enable development. Recommends a cloud based service. Any students support/input would need to be further down the line. KH noted lack of resource has held us back, but this is now becoming easier as membership has grown. We also need to stand on our own two feet.

Maritime2050

Laura Marquis* of DfT provided an overview for members. This strategy arises from the fact that Maritime is increasingly important to the UK economy and society with 95% of all goods moving in and out of the UK, and a lack of awareness the maritime in society. It has been developed as a partnership between UK Government and industry, for ensuring the UK remain on the “front-foot on the international maritime stage”. It's the first comprehensive, actionable and long term maritime strategy in a generation. It sets out UK Govt ambitions to be world-leading, and builds on UK maritime values of being a premium brand, no compromising on standards, etc. The focus includes UK Competitive advantage, Technology, Trade, Environment, People, Infrastructure, Security & Resilience. Published in January, DfT is now working hard on the delivery phase, based on route-maps in each of these areas. Trade & Technology route-maps produced already, remainder to be delivered later this year. Clean Maritime Plan due to be published shortly as the Environment route-map. DfT will be using the strategy to encourage the new Government to take account of maritime in the anticipated 2019 spending review, making the case for support to the sector. DfT is working with Maritime UK to develop a proposal for Spending Review 2019.

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Maritime Research & Innovation UK

PKC updated the cluster. MarRI-UK is being established this year, with full launch being planned for LISW in September. Aim is to create enough critical mass in Maritime R&I investment that we can leverage Government support. Membership will open shortly and we will distribute the call through the cluster distribution. Being a member will include the opportunity to influence future calls. In the meantime, we will be announcing two funding calls this year, which we'll be administering for DfT as the M2050 technology strand will be exercised through R&I funding. Core staff are being appointed, through the base at Strathclyde University (including Dr Tiffany Imron present today, who is the

coordinator). Strong links are being developed with innovation groups in other clusters around the UK, including Tyne, Solent, Mersey and Plymouth. Year zero membership costs will be a lot less than future years.

AOB

DL posed the question of whether we are “getting it right” and whether members would like us to stop/start doing things differently. Mike Bullock is comforted to hear about SMS influence and encouragement. Iain Shirlaw noted that clusters are essential and SMC is doing all the right things. Robert McCaig asked whether the cluster could be represented at cross party group in Scottish Parliament. Chair noted existing annual Holyrood reception, and that KH is heavily involved with SG and that CoS has its Scottish Maritime policy forum. Josh Hutchinson confirmed that SMC is becoming better known and doing a good job. Various others confirmed their support.

Attendees

Josh Hutchinson	ARX Maritime
Annette MacDougall	ARX Maritime
Douglas Lang	Anglo Eastern
Patrick Carnie	Babcock Marine
David Burke	Babcock Marine
Kieran Dodworth	Brookes Bell
Kevin Hobbs	CMAL
Colin McMurray	Clyde Group
Julie Philpott	Calmac Ferries
Duncan Cunningham	Duncan Cunningham
Robert McCaig	Dales Marine
Wallace Cuthbertson	DNV
Iain Shirlaw	Fife Council
Mike Williams	Lloyds Register
Mark Staig	Lloyds Register
John MacSween	Malin Group
Mike Bullock	Northern Lighthouse Board
David Thomson	Orcades Marine
Niall MacLennan	Tymor Marine
Laura Marquis	Department for Transport
Michelle Watt	City of Glasgow College