

Ramsar Management Authority

**Tuesday 12 October 2010 at 1930 hrs
Arthur Maurant Room, Societe Jersiaise, St Helier**

MINUTES

Present

Deputy Rob Duhamel, Assistant Minister, Department of Planning and Environment
Ian Syvret, Jersey Inshore Fishermen's Association
Bertram Bree, RSPB
John Le Gresley, Les Minquiers Hut Owners
Dave Cabeldu, Save Our Shoreline
Lara Luke, Save Our Shoreline
John Clarke, Société Jersiaise
Sue Hardy, National Trust for Jersey
Peter Gosselin, Jersey Recreational Fishermens Association
Jo Moss, Education, Sport and Culture
Claudia Martans-Radomski, Member of Public
Chris Le Masurier, Jersey Aquaculture Association

In Attendance

Simon Bossy, Head of Fisheries and Marine Resources
Greg Morel, Marine and Coastal Officer
Tim du Feu, Head of Water Resources

Apologies

Constable Crowcroft
Mike Taylor, Fisheries and Marine Resources Panel
Capt Peter Lawrence, Jersey Harbours

1 Welcome

Deputy Duhamel welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Approval of minutes and matters arising.

The minutes from the meeting of Wednesday 28 July 2010. P Gosselin raised the issue of members of the public attending. Deputy Duhamel stated that the terms of reference for the Authority stated that the meetings were open to the public. P Gosselin also raised the issue of a representative for Les Ecrehous attending the meetings. G Morel explained that a representative from Les Ecrehous Residents Association is a member of the Authority and was invited to attend.

No other matters regarding the minutes were raised and the minutes were approved.

3 Rubbish at La Collette

D Cabeldu explained that he had received correspondence from the Jersey Aquaculture Association concerning litter at La Collette, in light of an EIA underway for an aquaculture concession . Photographs were supplied showing considerable amounts of rubbish in the rock armour at La Collette. G Morel explained that it was likely the rubbish came from the tip head and not any development on the site. The majority of the litter was foam backing from plaster board. TTS periodically clear this material from the site and officers have been informed that TTS are currently removing the litter from the rock armour. It is also understood that the waste management licence will include a condition to clear any rubbish coming from the site. L Luke raised the issue as to whether the site could be covered in some way to reduce the incidence of material being blown away.

It was agreed that rubbish blown from a land fill into an internationally designated site was not acceptable and that measures should be put in place to prevent it occurring. It was agreed that a period of four weeks should be given to the current situation to be rectified. Members were also reassured that the issue would be covered in the waste management licence for the site.

4 EFW Emergency Access Road.

Deputy Duhamel explained the situation in respect of the emergency access road required for the EFW. D Cabeldu stated that the proposed changes would significantly alter the area and encroach on the Ramsar site. B Bree highlighted that the area was important for birds. Deputy Duhamel stated planning permission was required and suggested access from the sea would be more appropriate. It was felt however, that it was not possible to give a detailed response as no formal plans were available.

G Morel stated that in addition to the requirements of the Planning Law, a licence under the Food and Environment Protection Act (FEPA) was also

required. A summary of the requirements of these regulations were given and TTS are aware a FEPA licence is required. G Morel assured members that when an application was received, a meeting of the Ramsar Management Authority Technical Subgroup would occur to consider the issue. The Department were expecting the application shortly.

D Cabeldu stated that he felt large capital projects were agreed in principle by the States with all the detail coming at a later stage. All should be presented up front. Deputy Duhamel agreed that more information should be forthcoming prior to decisions being made.

5 Communication with RMA members

Deputy Duhamel summarised the view held by some members of the Authority that there was a lack of communication between the regulator and consultees, particularly with respect to submissions made as part of the consenting process for recent discharge permits. L Luke felt that more information should be provided concerning the issues raised in submissions to the regulator. T du Feu explained the legal framework the regulator is required to work to. With respect to the recent discharge permits the regulator had fulfilled all obligations under the Law. D Cabeldu was still of the opinion that communication could be improved between parties. T du Feu stated that the timeframe of notification was appropriate under the circumstances but agreed to supply more information related to the consented discharge permits. G Morel agreed to distribute.

6 Information relating to legislation, reports, codes of conduct and maps

G Morel presented the information supplied and gave a short précis of each applicable piece of legislation. This included planning, fisheries, water pollution and wildlife law, certain Harbour regulation and those that control activity on the beach. The Food and Environment Protection Act was also covered as was an old Law relating to the collection of seaweed. C Martans-Radomski suggested Multilateral Environmental Agreement that Jersey had signed up to should be included. G Morel agreed and stated that they were included in the actual plan. On request S Bossy also explained the situation with respect to the plans by the French authorities (Agence des Aires Marines Protegees) in the Granville Bay. The plans are in an early stage and no decisions have been made although a meeting has been set up for next week on the back of the Joint Advisory Committee meeting for the Bay of Granville Treaty.

7 Management Plan discussions

G Morel explained the process by which the proposal for the draft management plan structure and initial content was arrived at. Ramsar set out a format for a management plan and explained the draft plan was based on this. It was also explained that the framework of the content was based on the consultation responses and the previous discussions of the Management Authority. Deputy Duhamel reminded members that examples of other Ramsar Management Plans had been distributed on the information disc previously distributed. G Morel stated that he wanted feedback from members on the

format of the draft but in particular suggestions and comments relating to the threats, objectives and strategies in the draft as these sections focus on the management of the site. Members suggested a number of strategies particularly related to the objective of stakeholder engagement and education. It was also suggested that something should be considered for World Wetlands Day on the 2 February. G Morel reminded members that 2011 was also the 40th anniversary of the convention. Members were encouraged to review the draft document and feedback any comments.

It was agreed that a species list should be compiled together with an indication of conservation status. The Department agreed to undertake this work together with the appropriate experts.

It was also agreed that a list of specific areas of possible management would be circulated to members for additions and comment. This list would form part of the discussions at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed at 2130hrs