

**RMA Meeting
19/12/2019
Société Jersiaise**

CHAIR GJ (SJ)

PRESENT: JTGA, SJ, SOSJ, GoJ, JMC, NT, JK, JWA, Seafaris, Minqs, Ecrehouse, EPJ.

APOLOGIES: Jim Hopley, John Pinel, Simon Crowcroft,

Gareth wished all a merry Christmas and thanked John Pinel for his support while in government.

November minutes accepted.

FOLLOW UP POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MINS:

Horizon Jersey. SJ detailed steps taken with Environmental Protection to understand how future developments are going to be more securely controlled. Waiting for a response. Will they have a more stringent monitoring or testing regime around the next development?

EPJ highlighted need for better control over discharge permits during early stages of construction.

Funding is needed for independent analysis work – next waterfront development should be set in the context of a longer term sampling protocol that will ensure any negative environmental impacts are picked up in real time.

While data is useful, data analysis is vital so either a paid scientist or a student is needed for detailed interpretation.

Sub group on environmental monitoring to be set up. Members: EPJ SOSJ JMC.

Mins to be put up on Gov.je website starting at Jan 2019. – SJ to check and circulated

Link to 2018 MR annual report:

<https://www.gov.je/Government/Pages/StatesReports.aspx?ReportID=4834>

Wildlife Law - RMA members recognised the law won't be coming in 2019. RMA agreed to push for it if no progress was seen by the end of January. Scrutiny panel has responded to RMA's letter and said they are pushing for the law to be brought in ASAP. **Letter attached.**

Code of conduct – Jersey code of conduct to be proof read before publication. Need for artwork for final published code to be published by World Wetlands Day.

Signage A sub group is needed to try to consolidate slipway signage, would need PoJ and GHE Technical services engagement. JKA & ERA to lead. May need to engage Natural Environment who have guidance based on the rural access strategy.

Passenger funding PoJ charge discussed. Will it be possible to link Ramsar funding into harbour charge? How will French boats be charged? Seafaris to find out more.

Limits of acceptable Change (LAC) - SJ has produced a summary paper on the subject (**attached**). Looks at monitoring impacts of activity not regularity of occurrence of activity, works to limit impacts and through management of activities. Considers Ecological and social impacts. Provides toolkit for

managing and monitoring key environmental factors of Ramsar Sites. Do we have long term data on that could be used as monitoring parameters within our Ramsar sites?

JMC – points out that we don't have any commercial fishing representative on RMA – would be useful for engagement that could impact them. Currently only informed through RMA's joint seat with SJ on MRP.

LAC will sit within Ramsar Management Plan – Several issues raised relating to timing and funding.

RMA wishes there to be a review of the ICZMS to determine what objectives have been achieved – if not why not and if due to funding can RMA push for funding and resources.

ERA – Management plan may need external funding, some has already been had from the Countryside Enhancement Scheme to support SJ in producing first draft (Still pending).

World Wetlands Day – call for exhibitors and displays, to take place Sunday and Monday at Radisson hotel. Wise Talk, Ramsar Talk, displays, ROV etc. Launch code of conduct?

Rock Names – Paul Chambers collection rock names, www.jerseycoast.co.uk/rock-names.html
Contributions welcome.