



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

**Notes of Meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2006
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
Jane Hodges	PCNP	Blaise Bullimore	CCW
Phil Coates	SWSFC	Trevor Theobald	Pembrokeshire CC

2. Apologies for absence:

Kate Collins	EA	Ziggy Otto	CCW
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3. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 7th December 2005 were approved subject to the following:

- i) In 3 ii) After "United Utilities will retain the contract for clean water management for the next 15 years" add "subject to monitoring at five-yearly intervals";
- ii) Re. 8 i) Add "It was also agreed that information for schools be considered. This information may be separate to that considered for Gower AONB anniversary, and other, displays.

4. Matters Arising

- i) Re. 7. RW advised that she had been unable to get funding for the research on saltmarsh changes in the Burry Inlet.
- ii) Re.4.i) RW indicated that Reg 33 authors were meeting next week and that revised advice would not be published in March 2006. Few comments had been received to Reg. 33 advice generally, not just CBEEMS
- iii) Re. 8 ii) deadline for commenting was 2/3/06
- iv) Re. 8 i) JM agreed to follow up schools liaison, with help from CC Swansea's biodiversity team.

5. Project Officer

BB declared an interest indicated as he would soon be taking early retirement from CCW and might be an applicant for the Project Officer post. It was agreed that he could remain in the meeting.

DH had reviewed finances. She circulated a financial note, job description and job advert. It was agreed the job advert be amended by deletion of "and located at" and

to make clear that the starting salary would be £20895, and that the two-year post be advertised a.s.a.p. with a closing date of 7/4/06. DH would arrange for adverts in the Guardian and the Western Mail, and would notify Bob Earll (CMS). DP would notify Arfordir, ALGE and CoastNet.

A sub-group, agreed to comprise DH, JH, BW, JM, PC and TT, would meet on Tuesday 11/4/06, to shortlist applications and agree a panel to interview applicants at Swansea Guildhall on 5/5/06.

6. Publicity/Promotional Material

RW referred to work done by Emma Trainor (CCW) which could be used in leaflets, etc. BB referred to seven AO-size roll-up panels which had been ordered some time ago and which had recently arrived. BB agreed to e-mail details and transfer the panels to Swansea Guildhall. DH requested comments.

7. Partner Updates

PC referred to healthier funding situation for SWSFC and to pressure to regulate Three Rivers cockling. He had drafted an interim scheme and said that more resources would be needed before a fully adequate system could be introduced.

DP referred to CCC's recent approval of its Unitary Development. TT said that the PCC/PCNP plan was not far behind.

8. Issues and Activities Documents

DH referred to the documents previously circulated and the low level of response. The first five pages of the activities document was discussed, following which it was agreed that comments should be emailed to DH following the meeting.

9. Next Meeting to be held at the Wetlands Centre on 11th May 2006, commencing at 1.30 p.m.