

MARINE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEETING

29 July 2015

Summary Minutes

Present:

British Marine Scotland, Scottish Tourism Alliance, Bidwells, RYA Scotland, Scottish Canals, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Visit Scotland

Please note – The British Marine Federation has recently rebranded as British Marine and British Marine Federation Scotland is now British Marine Scotland.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes of the previous meeting on 24 June were approved.

Brief Update from Symposium Subgroup:

A brief update was provided from the last meeting of the CPG Symposium Subgroup. The date has been confirmed. Discussion on possible numbers attending, the delegate pack, action plan document, timeline for preparations and necessary deadlines.

Brief Report on Communications:

Brief report by VS on some aspects within the action plan updates.

Action Plans and Timeline:

It was noted that the action plan should reflect the priority of issues and short, medium and long term aims as well as start and completion dates. The meeting then discussed each action noted in the master copy. All lead partners should now forward completed templates to allow circulation of the master copy around MTDG partners.

Resources:

Symposium budget discussed and partners volunteered to cover specific aspects.

Strategy Coordinator:

STA will employ the coordinator and provide secretariat as required. Funding is for 3 years and covers a number of days per year for the post-holder plus secretariat, travel etc. As is the format for other areas of the National Strategy, the post-holder will be seen as an STA employee, acting to support the MTDG. The post will be advertised and interviews scheduled by end August. In addition, STA have offered to provide an independent chair for the MTDG and this was accepted.

Date of next meeting: 26 August