

SWRAWP
Minutes of the RTS Sub Committee
23rd February 2005

<u>Present:</u> -	<u>Action:</u> -
<p>M Hooker, Bridgend County Borough Council S Bool, Bridgend County Borough Council N Morgan, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council C A Williams, Pembrokeshire County Council & National Park Authority R Amundson, Caerphilly County Borough Council A Bull, Powys County Council T Gilman, BAA M Frampton, QPA M Lucas, Vale of Glamorgan Council S Martin, Welsh Assembly Government C Morgan, Welsh Assembly Government</p>	
<p>1. <u>Apologies:</u> -</p>	
<p>A Wilkes, Environment Agency</p>	
<p>2. <u>Minutes of the last meeting – 9th December 2004</u></p>	
<p>Agreed as a correct record.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Matters arising</u></p>	
<p>None.</p>	
<p>4. <u>IMAECA</u></p>	
<p>The limitations of the GIS tool were acknowledged as it merely informs the decision making process. It will, however, encourage a healthy debate about areas of high / low environmental capacity. The tool will be provided for the RAWP Secretaries and WAG only, as restricted access will prevent misuse.</p>	
<p>TG supported the WAG view that the system needed to be recognised as a tool only and not the basis for appeals.</p>	
<p>MH considered there needed to be a protocol set up to avoid misuse. WAG to pursue and circulate.</p>	<p>SM / CM</p>
<p>Concerns were expressed that the coloured areas may be misunderstood by certain interest groups and a disclaimer or explanation is required.</p>	<p>SM / CM</p>

<p>It was noted the system would be available for inspection by all MPA's on a read-only basis. Basic parameters would be set and they would be unchangeable except by WAG.</p> <p>5. <u>Inaugural Member Forum (SWRAWP)</u></p> <p>This forum has been scheduled for late March / early April. Terms of reference need to be drawn up in a memorandum of understanding and signed by each constituent MPA.</p> <p>It was accepted that the NWRAMP / SWRAWP terms should be identical.</p> <p>6. <u>RTS Programme</u></p> <p>It was noted the completion of the Enviros IMAECA report would kickstart the RTS timetable. The outstanding Smiths Gore report on construction, demolition and quarry waste is likely to provide valuable information for the RTS process.</p> <p>The issue of training for members was discussed and it was agreed that such training was necessary. It was suggested a visit be made to a dredger and / or quarries. The feasibility of a suitable site visit is to be explored with the fall back position of the viewing of a dredger in operation on video. It was agreed that any future Member forum meetings may usefully include an element of training.</p> <p>The key stages of the RTS process were set out with the next member forum meeting being scheduled for September 2005.</p> <p>With regard to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Health Impact Assessment (HIA), it was acknowledged the RTS needs to be robust and transparent and therefore these aspects need special attention. The issue of whether or not these elements could be carried out internally and under the contract was discussed and it was agreed that SB and the RTS sub group would investigate this further. It was tentatively suggested that the HIA could be carried out internally without consultants.</p> <p>Reference was made to the benefit of having an issues paper which would be useful to set out the principles of supply / reserves / dormant lists / alternative sources. SB to pursue within 3 months.</p> <p>To ensure easy public scrutiny, it was agreed the minutes of the meeting would be made available for inspection on request.</p> <p>7. <u>AOB</u></p> <p>It was noted that Wayne Towell would replace Malcolm Lawer on the RTS Sub-Group.</p>	<p>SB</p> <p>SB</p> <p>SB / RTS sub group</p> <p>SB</p> <p>SB</p>
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Date of next meeting: To be arranged.	
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