

**Marine Archaeology Special Interest Group**

Monday 19 October 2020, 13:00

Zoom

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Alison James (AJ, Treasurer), Danielle Wilkinson (DW, Chair), George Stewart-Phillips (GSP, new ordinary committee member), Hefin Maera (HM, ordinary committee member), Jeez Davies (JD, new ordinary committee member), Megan Keates (MK, CIFA), Paolo Croce (PC, ordinary committee member), Phoebe Ronn (PR, ordinary committee member), Stephanie Said (SS, Secretary), Toby Gane (TG, advisor), Victoria Cooper (VC, advisor), Antony Firth (AF), Paul Phillip Jeffery (PPJ), Mateusz Polakowski (MP), Ann Marie Dick (AMD), Andrew Fielding (AF), Allison Fox (AFox), Andrew Bicket (AB)

Agenda Point	Action (Initials)
<p><b>1. Apologies for absence</b> Rob Lennox (CIFA), Nikki Cook (advisor), Michael Walsh (ordinary committee member)</p>	
<p><b>2. Matters arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 things for diggers This was compiled and shared out to members on behalf of Diggers' Forum (<a href="https://www.archaeologists.net/sites/default/files/DF_MarSIG_Factsheet_2020.pdf">https://www.archaeologists.net/sites/default/files/DF_MarSIG_Factsheet_2020.pdf</a>)</li> <li>• Di officially stepping down MW is covering for Diana. Position open to other group members.</li> <li>• Consultation advice for CIFA's S&amp;G guidance for Field Evaluation and Watching Brief One terminology change undertaken; included dredging works for definition of earth works.</li> <li>• Update about changes to HE marine services? HM: Job advertised for marine review process (deadline 18/10/2020) to address how recommendations will be taken forward.</li> <li>• Update of Model Clauses Wessex Archaeology working on this and issued out to relevant stakeholders. No specific MASIG response.</li> </ul> <p>TG - received a large number of responses/engagements, some were straight forward, others that require solutions to resolved. Main issue related to the level of geophysical interpretation – how should this be processed; should raw data be interpreted or are TIFFs adequate? Recommendation is that at some point during EIA or post-consent phases, full fidelity data (raw data, not TIFFs) should be reviewed to allow detailed coverage of the entire development area and ensure appropriate mitigation prior to construction.</p>	

	<p>Model Clauses document to be completed shortly – next 2/3 weeks – for review by the Crown Estate and they will release the document next year (possibly first quarter).</p> <p>AF pointed out that attention also needs to be given to the COWRIE guidance that does cover the whole process (cumulative impact assessment/Historic Environment Guidance/Geotech investigations). Model Clauses have become a focus for methodology when they are meant to be guidance docs for WSIs only.</p> <p>TG agreed that these also needs to be reviewed, however, there does not seem to be a drive to do so.</p> <p>AB pointed out that ‘COWRIE’ does not exist anymore, therefore only the Crown Estate elements can be updated. He also pointed out that current Retained Archaeology services come after a long gestation; some development consent goes back to 2011/2012, where EIAs are based on low grade data – therefore building on this, making the WSI fit for purposed is complicated; and issues crop up post-consent when new discoveries are made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dani moving to Australia</li> </ul> <p>Leaving early December – future meetings to consider time difference; possibly not able to attend the advisory council meetings.</p>	
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Advisory Council update</b> HM attend these in the future instead of DW.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Update on MASIG tasks</b></p> <p>a. Keeping track of consultations and consultation responses – MW and RL. AF – hears from RL with different hats. Not many this year, unlike previous years. Currently there is the DEFRA UK Marine Strategy consultation.</p> <p>b. Social media – DW. Nothing to update.</p> <p>c. Newsletters and feeding into other publications – DD / VC. VC - On hold, waiting for something to happen. Regular inputs to be set up in the future.</p> <p>d. Stand-alone events/practical sessions – PR. PR – no further updates. Can look into undertaking digital sessions. AJ – new OASIS online role for marine users; HE funded project but can be run through MASIG. AJ will look into this; to happen end of year.</p> <p>e. Liaison with HE, future of profession – AJ, HM. PJ, <i>HM and AJ to discuss</i>. HM – Nothing to report.</p> <p>f. Collection of photos for promotional materials – HM and AJ. <i>MK to send AJ examples of postcards. AJ to make postcards for next conference</i>. AJ – we have a new banner to take to any event. Plan on doing a postcard for future event. Upcoming NAS conference are having a virtual stand; MASIG to ask to attend and set up a virtual stand to promote the group. HM, AJ, DW; to cover the weekend</p>	<p><b>AJ</b></p> <p><b>DW, HF, AJ</b></p>

	<p>21/22.</p> <p>g. Collate list of available guidance and keep this maintained – DW. <i>HM and AJ to send DW their own recent compilations for work to update the MASIG one. Received from HM.</i>          DW – list of guidance sent through by HM. DW to look into how to display these on the website – need a filtering or search function. To send round for people to comment.</p> <p>h. Liaison with CifA – RL, TG.          TG – no contact with RL over this period.</p> <p>i. Role on Advisory Council – DW.          A lot of activity with AC – no specific news related to marine.</p> <p>j. Validation committee – MW, TG.          TG - Nothing to report.</p> <p>k. JNAPC representation – Michael.          PJ generally attends on behalf HE. Next meeting is on Wednesday. HM to attend any future meetings and observe on behalf of MASIG.</p> <p>l. Groups rep – DW. Next was planned for November.          Next meeting is on 6<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>m. PWA 50th anniversary event working group – AJ, HM. <i>Suggestions that HE do medals for 50<sup>th</sup>.</i>          PJ – depends on HE leading a UK wide bid – Towards a National Collection: UNPATH - going through in November. UK wide celebration of the data produced by volunteers and others to coincide with PWA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Assuming that this is successful we can piggyback off this. April/May we shall know the scale of contributions.</p> <p>n. Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers representative – VC.          VC - No meetings; nothing taken forward.</p> <p>Other actions from previous meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine questions and answers for CifA inspections – VC and AJ.          VC – nothing to report. To be discussed between VC and AJ.</li> <li>• CifA info on events/practical sessions and support with PWA event – DW.          DW – to undertake.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DW</b></p> <p><b>HM</b></p> <p><b>VC, AJ</b></p> <p><b>DW</b></p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of the next committee meeting, and future events</b>          February 2021. Online and first thing in the morning if Dani is to attend.</p>	