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Note of the 2nd meeting of the Consultation Group which
was held at the Royal Mail Inn, Bideford on 31st Oct 1985.

Present K.Bower (DSFDC)
D.Clutterbuck (RYA)
P.Cole (LFS) Acting Hon.Sec.
T.Crocker (BSAC)
R.Earll (MCS)
R.Friend (DFTA)
K.Hiscock (FSC)
L.Hobbs (INDSAC)
R.Kimberley (DFTA) Acting Chairman.
J.Lamerton (NCC)
C.Tydeman (WWF)
H.Worden (DSFDC)

1. It was agreed that MR Kimberley should chair the meeting.
2. Apologies: R.Gomm (NCC); D.Wybrow (BSAC), P.Broomhead (NT),
C.George (MAFF), J.Welfare (LT).
3. Notes of the meeting 25th April 1985. The mis-spelling
of Mr H.Worden's name was regretted and corrected. The
notes were then agreed as a true record of the meeting.
4. Mr Worden (DSFDC) confirmed that the DSFDC were now
recommending a compromise agreement with the NCC which
could lead to the establishment of a statutory marine
nature reserve (SMNR) at Lundy. These matters had been
reported in the 'Western Morning News' and the 'Diver'.

Mr Lamerton (NCC) said that the reserve would have three
areas, the full lkm. radius reserve where there would be
no spear fishing; a smaller area where trawling and tangle
nets were not allowed with restricted licensing of gill
nets and a still smaller area where pots would be barred.
A set of draft byelaws were being prepared to be followed
by the preparation of a letter of consultation for sub-
mission to the Minister.

Mr Earll (MCS) stressed that even the use of a knife
was a form of spear fishing so that precise definitions
would be required in the byelaws.

Mr Kimberley (DFTA & Chairman) pointed out that when the
DSFDC and the NCC had completed their drafting it would
be sensible if there were time for these documents to
be considered and commented on by the organisations
comprising the LMCg before submission to the Minister.

Mr Bowen (DSFDC) was concerned in case existing byelaws

were already being contravened by the dumping of solid waste into the sea from Lundy. It was pointed out that refuse was incinerated with only the residue being put over the cliff. Dr Hiscock (FSC) who had visited the shore below the discharge point and Mr Cole (LFS) who had climbed there both confirmed that the debris was lodged on the scree slope and that none was reaching the sea.

The LFS were, for the time being, meeting the secretarial costs of the LMCG and the NCC would meet reasonable travelling costs, to be submitted through the secretary.

5. Lundy Marine Reserve: Summer 1985.

a) Mr Lamerton (NCC) reported that, in addition to the activities reported in matters arising, papers had been prepared for the redesignation of parts of Lundy as a site of special scientific interest (SSSI) as required under the 1981 Act. In answer to a question Mr Lamerton gave his opinion that whilst the LT continued to be guarded in their approach to the creation of a SMNR it was not anticipated that there would be cause for them to oppose its introduction once a sensible set of proposals had been formulated.

b) Dr Hiscock (FSC) reported that further marine biological monitoring had taken place at Lundy during the year, these included: checks on pool communities at the Devil's Kitchen; re-survey of some intertidal cup coral populations (restricted due to poor tidal conditions & weather); recording of the cave community at Rat Island which showed little change; photography of Landing & Lametry Beach which indicated a lowering of the former; photographic monitoring of sublittoral rock communities at the Knoll Pins, Quarry Bay and Gannets Rock which had in general shown remarkable stability, also of individual sea fans and branching sponges at Quarry Bay; surveys of areas previously colonised by the red band fish off the east coast; the establishment of a site for monitoring algal depth limits at the Knoll Pins. Some slides were shown.

c) Mr Clutterbuck (RYA) asked if the proposed discharge of sewage further out to sea from Minehead & Weston-super-mare would be likely to cause problems around Lundy? This was not thought likely. Mr Worden (DSFDC) said that there was some conflict of opinion on the disposal of sewage sludge to sea, the main problem being industrial sewage, heavy metals and pesticides. A 1976 study had shown that conditions round Lundy were similar to those close to the adjacent mainland.

d) Aquaserve Diving Ltd had been fully booked for diving holidays from Lundy during 1985 and had restricted their activities round the Knoll Pins. Their presence did not prevent others from diving round the island but their acknowledgment of the VMNR gave some measure of control.

6. Lundy appointment of warden; progress: the LT was now going ahead with the filling of this post. Adverts had gone out in the 'New Scientist', 'Diver' 'North Devon Journal Herald' and there had been some 260 applications. These had been short-listed and it was intended that the final selection would be made later in the year. The selection would be made by the LT, the NCC who were in part financing the post, assisted by Dr Hiscock. It was suggested that the selection board should be widened, perhaps by a representative from the DSFDC and the Secretary undertook to approach the LT on this matter. Mr Earll (MCS) was concerned that only a limited group of organisations (NCC, DSFDC and LFS) had been specifically consulted about the warden's job description by the LT. This seemed to indicate some form of two-tier grouping within the LMCg which was not desirable. He was supported in this view by Dr Tydeman (WWF). Mr Cole (LFS) suggested that the LMCg had not met when advice was first sought concerning the job description. The organisations consulted were those with which the LT had had dealings with over a number of years. There was considerable debate on these points.
7. Activities in 1986. The FSC would carry out further marine studies round the island in 1986. The WWF & MCS were intending to hold a 'workshop' for marine wardens to which the Lundy warden would be invited. (If Lundy became a SMNR in the future would there be a need for a specific marine warden as against the more general one now being appointed?)
8. Other urgent business. It was agreed that Mr Kimberley and Mr Cole should cease to be 'acting' but become Chairman and Hon. Secretary of the LMCg.
9. Date of next meeting was agreed to be in Bideford on Thursday 24th April. More suitable premises than a public house were to be sought with the assistance of the Torridge District Council.

P.B.F.Cole.
Hon. Sec. LMCg 28.3.86.

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