

LUNDY MARINE  
CONSULTATION GROUP

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Notes of the 4th meeting of the Consultation Group which  
was held at 6.30pm on Thursday 10th July in the Town Hall  
Bridge St, Bideford. 1986

Present K. Bowen (DSFDC)  
D. Clutterbuck (RYA)  
P. Cole (LFS/Hon. SEC.)  
T. Crocker (BSAC/SWF)  
R. Earll (MCS)  
C. George (MAFF)  
K. Hiscock (FSC)  
R. Kimberley (DFTA/Chairman)  
J. Lamerton (NCC)  
C. Sylvester (Fisherman)  
C. Tydeman (WWF)  
N. Willcox (LC/Warden)  
L. Wilisborrow (Fisherman) Winsborrow (RI).  
H. Worden (DSFDC)  
D. Wybrow (BSAC)

1. Apologies: R. Gomm (NCC); P. Broomhead (NT); L. Hobbs (SWFDC)  
J. Puddy (LC); J. Shaw (AD).

2. Notes of the meeting held 24th April 1986 were agreed  
as a true record of that meeting.

3. A number of local fisherman attended the meeting, they  
were concerned that comments were being invited on a document  
entitled 'Lundy Proposed Marine Nature Reserve Consultative  
Paper' and that copies had not been sent to them. They  
wished to obtain copies and to make representations on the  
proposals. Where could they get copies and to whom should  
they send their comments?

Various members of the Lundy Marine Consultation Group  
set out the following points.

a) The Consultative Paper had been prepared and sent  
out by Dr. F. B. O'Conner, Director, England of the Nature  
Conservancy Council, under powers granted by the 1981  
Wildlife and Countryside Act, and written comments  
had been invited.

b) The Lundy Marine Consultation Group was an independent  
body which had been set up in April 1985 to provide an  
informal talking-shop for the regular exchange of views  
between all parties interested in the waters around Lundy.  
Its aims were as follows:

1) To provide a nucleus of expertise on the marine  
habitats and waters surrounding Lundy.

2) To provide a forum for exchanging views on present  
and proposed activities around Lundy.

3) To safeguard the interests of all those who use  
the waters around Lundy and its natural resources.

As many interested organisations as could be contacted  
had been invited to join the Group but, at that time,  
it had not been possible to find fishermen who wished  
to join the group. These organisations were being  
individually consulted by the NCC.

c) Comments on the Paper were required by 24th July 1986. These would be carefully considered by the NCC who could then recommend to the Secretary of State for the Environment that a Statutory Marine Nature Reserve be designated at Lundy or that a Public Enquiry be held.

The fishermen again expressed their deep concern that such a short time remained for them to obtain copies of the Paper and for them to make comments. Mr. Wybrow (BSAC) was also of the view that distribution had not been as wide as was desirable. The fishermen were asked to nominate representatives to join the LMCG and Messrs C. Sylvester and L. Wilisborrow formally joined the meeting on their behalf. Mr. Lamerton (NCC) undertook to swiftly supply them with copies of the Consultative Paper. Mr. Cole (LFS/Hon. Sec) would write to the Director of the NCC asking that an extension of time be given for the submission of comments. With the exception of their two representatives the fishermen then left the meeting.

4. Progress towards the establishment of a Statutory Marine Nature Reserve around Lundy. Consultation Paper. The contents of the paper were discussed at some length. It was agreed that the continuation of the LMCG was important for the development of the reserve as was the importance of the Warden as the supplier of advice and information to the users of the reserve. Should there be a mooring buoy at the Knoll Pins? There was already a marker buoy and that was all that was needed. Was there a need for even keep pots in that area? Those who lived on Lundy would seek a special licence to use tangle nets to obtain bait for pots. Was the 'No-trawling/dredging zone' too large, should areas of high sensitivity be more specifically marked? Was there a danger of pollution in the waters with the discharge of soiled water from the island, particularly detergents? It was appreciated that in drawing up the bye laws and code of conduct petty restrictions had been avoided. The various organisations which the members of the LMCG represented would be making their views known to the NCC.

5. Activities in 1986. Apart from normal fishing and diving Dr. Hiscock (FSC) would carry out further marine survey work. Fears were expressed that Lundy might become 'over-dived' but this was not thought likely.

6. Dr. Earll (MCS) drew to the attention of the meeting a booklet his organisation had produced 'Conservation of Marine Sites. A Voluntary Approach.' Copies would be distributed to all members of the Group.

7. Date of next meeting was agreed as Thursday 16th Oct. 1986 at 7.00pm Town Hall, Bridge St. Bideford.

P.B.F. Cole. Hon. Sec. LMCG