

LUNDY MARINE PROTECTED AREA ADVISORY GROUP

The Aims of the Group are: 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; and 4) to advise the Management Forum for the island.

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Notes of the 8th meeting of the Lundy Marine Protected Area Advisory Group

(formerly known as the Lundy Marine Conservation Zone Advisory Group, the Lundy Marine Nature Reserve Advisory Group, and originally the Lundy Marine Consultation Group, of which this was the 65th meeting)

held on **Wednesday 18th April 2018** at 7.00 p.m. on board the MS *Oldenburg* alongside Bideford Quay, Bideford.

Present:

Keith Hiscock	(KH)	Marine Biological Association	Chair
Robert Irving	(RI)	Lundy Field Society	Hon. Sec.
Andy Bell	(ABel)	UNESCO Biosphere Reserve	
Sarah Young	(SY)	WWF (UK SEAS project)	
Robert Durrant	(RD)	Coastwise North Devon	
Andrew Bengey	(ABen)	Lundy Diving (<i>Obsession II</i>)	
Maggs Ashton	(MA)	Ilfracombe & N Devon Sub-Aqua Club	
Lorraine Scutt	(LS)	Ilfracombe & N Devon Sub-Aqua Club	
Dean Jones	(DJ)	Lundy Warden, Landmark Trust	
Chris Mandry	(CM)	BSAC	
Lauren Parkhouse	(LP)	Devon & Severn IFCA	

The Chairman (KH) extended a warm welcome to all, especially to those here for the first time. The purpose of the Group, KH explained, was to allow the users of the Lundy MPA to “have their say” and to raise any particular issues they would like to see addressed. Any concerns or matters of importance could then be conveyed to the Lundy Management Forum at its next meeting (usually the following day) by the Group’s Hon. Sec.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from: Derek Green (Lundy General Manager/Landmark Trust); Mel Parker (Natural England); Alison James (Historic England); Amanda Gartshore (Torrige District Council); Clive Pearson (Charter boat *Jessica Hettie*); and Rick Morris (MARINElife).

2. **Notes on the last meeting of the MPA Advisory Group, held on 17th October 2017 (at Ilfracombe SAC Clubhouse, Ropery Road, Ilfracombe)**

2.1 Copies of these notes had been circulated by the Hon. Sec. soon after the meeting. No amendments were raised by those present, so the notes were signed by the

Chairman as being an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the last meeting of the MPA Advisory Group (17th October 2017)

- 3.1 (3.1) KH sought to explain the current situation regarding the genetic samples of sunset cup corals which were still in his possession. These samples were collected from populations at Lundy, the Isles of Scilly, Plymouth and Brittany (Roscoff), and he was seeking their analysis in order to shed some light on the 'distinctiveness' or genetic connectivity between these separate populations. He had now spoken with Prof. Brendan Godley of Exeter University, who thought he might be able to help out with this analysis. Watch this space...
- 3.2 KH went on to explain that the sunset cup coral population at Lundy was the only sub-feature of the SAC that was in unfavourable condition, on account of the continuing decline of numbers (monitored over 30 years). He is hoping to get over to the island this summer in order to re-take photos at two monitoring sites on the Knoll Pins where the cup corals are concentrated. He would welcome any assistance from those present to enable this to be done at minimal cost.
- 3.3 (11.6) KH also mentioned that the MBA had recently written a report, commissioned by Defra, concerning the impact of anchoring and moorings on seabed habitats, but this had yet to be published.
- 3.4 (6.3) The results of the sediment survey undertaken last summer, on behalf of the Environment Agency and Natural England, were still not available from Cefas, the organisation contracted to work up the samples.
- 3.5 (5.2) KH asked if DJ had been on a RHIB-handling course yet. DJ replied that he hadn't, in part because Tom Flaxman (who had offered to help with this) from N Devon Yacht Club had now left the Club; and that the island's RHIB was requiring repairs before it could be put in the water.
- 3.6 (3.5) On the matter of anchoring, RI handed out some A4 photocopies of the chart of Lundy so that these could be marked with where boats had been anchoring around the island in the past. This was in order to assess whether favoured anchoring areas coincided with where delicate seabed species, such as sea fans and branching sponges, were present. He suggested that DJ could take over this survey, adopt it as an annual process, and gradually build-up a useful set of distributional anchoring data for the MPA, with the possibility of establishing 'no anchoring zones' at some point in the future if these were considered necessary. ABen added that dive boats in general don't anchor, as they need to be prepared to pick up divers at all times. The only time his boat may anchor is if they're sheltering round the west side at the Devil's Slide or Jenny's Cove. RI added that it would be interesting to see where visiting yachts tended to anchor, apart from within the Landing Bay.

4. Matters arising from the last Lundy Management Forum meeting on 18th October 2017

- 4.1. Derek Green would normally present this item, so in his absence RI, who had been responsible for writing the minutes of the last Forum meeting, filled in for him.
- 4.2. RI had reported on what had been discussed at the Advisory Group meeting the previous evening.
- 4.3. KH had asked why the grey seals at Lundy, which appear to be "doing alright", are given a higher priority in terms of conservation funding than other featured species which are known to be in a less healthy position. MP had responded that seal population data contributed to overall numbers both in the south-west and nationally.

DJ added that they were an obvious species for visitors to take an interest in and their monitoring allowed the Conservation Team to assess other wildlife at the same time. KH explained that he questions the means by which the quality of marine biodiversity is being assessed, leading to the skewing of priorities.

- 4.4. Islanders and visitors are still having to drink bottled water due to the malfunctioning of a new water treatment plant. It was hoped this would be sorted in the new year. New recycling bins have been installed which has increased the amount of waste being recycled.
- 4.5. On the archaeology front, repairs had been undertaken at two sites: the fog battery on the west coast and to the platform at Brazen Ward on the east coast.
- 4.6. The Lundy Field Society had been able to contribute £10,000 to the St Helen's Centre appeal (after a short notice request) which allowed for the full £1m funding from the National Lottery to be released. A considerable amount of work had already been undertaken to the fabric of the building, with fitting out the interior happening next spring. The Society had also gifted £1,000 towards the work of the island's Conservation Team.
- 4.7. Sue Wells, the National Trust's Marine Project Manager, who had also attended the last Advisory Group meeting, spoke of the fact that Lundy was mentioned at a recent workshop on anchoring and mooring as being at the forefront of using new technologies (in the form of flexi-moorings). [This point led to some discussion amongst those present. ABen informed the Group that the first flexi-mooring that had been put in at Gannets' Bay had only survived two years – the elasticity of the mooring had been lost, so it had had to be replaced with a 'standard' mooring chain. However, the one in the Landing Bay is still OK. The new mooring that ABen put in place last year off Brazen Ward is not of the flexi-mooring type. The chain is raised off the seabed using small dan buoys. CM asked for RI to make sure SW was aware of this situation. KH added that he had heard of a number of companies that were now producing 'environmentally friendly' moorings, particularly for use where seagrass was present. RI was keen to ensure that Lundy remained at the forefront for trialling such moorings.
- 4.8. DJ informed the Group that work on the St Helen's Centre was progressing although a little behind schedule. Work on the external fabric of the building had been completed, with efforts now concentrated on fitting out the interior. It was hoped all would be completed by the end of July. A number of 'Lundy Ambassadors' had been appointed to help promote educational aspects on the mainland, particularly involving local schools. Siân Scott, Assistant Warden, was appointed Education Officer last October and was leading on preparing a range of educational displays and outreach programmes.

5. **Warden's Report**

DJ presented his report. A pdf file of his report accompanies these notes. The following points were raised.

- 5.1 In response to being asked for a copy of the latest grey seal numbers report, DJ said that a copy would be put up on the website for anyone to access. He particularly thanked ABen for his assistance with boat space so that these surveys could be undertaken.
- 5.2 KH pointed out that, in addition to the weekly surveys undertaken by MARINELife volunteers from the *Oldenburg*, systematic counts of cetaceans had been undertaken by two LFS members (Chris & Sharron Blackmore) during July from vantage points on the island. These records had been entered into the LFS Sightings Logbook in the Tavern.

- 5.3 DJ informed the Group that he has set up a new Facebook group entitled 'Lundy Marine Sightings', following requests to do so over the past 12 months or so:
<https://www.facebook.com/LundyLandmark>

This will allow for sightings of both intertidal and subtidal marine life to be entered onto the pages by members of the group. These may include unusual or unidentified sightings (as written descriptions and/or as photos). Please let others know it exists! To help with this, DJ has produced a number of laminated posters for distribution around the island properties, the Tavern, the Beach Building and to charter skippers.

- 5.4 KH asked DJ if the scaffold structure at Brazen Ward, which had been damaged during a storm at the end of February and had ended up 'wrecked' amongst the rocks there, had been tidied up. DJ replied that no tidy up had been attempted as yet and it wasn't known whether any poles had ended up in the subtidal as a proper assessment of the area had yet to be undertaken. ABen pointed out that he would be in that area in the next 2-3 weeks re-attaching his mooring, so he would get an idea of the scale of the problem.

It was agreed that this matter should be raised at the Management Forum meeting tomorrow where it should be stressed that, if poles were found to be in the subtidal, a clear-up operation be put in place that could well involve professional divers. It may be necessary to remove any such poles by using lifting bags and floating them out to a nearby vessel for safe removal. The poles may also be causing a navigation hazard, although with the water depth close inshore is only 3-4 m, and the poles were probably confined to a smallish gulley, so this was thought unlikely. The question was asked whether there would be insurance of some sort to cover the costs of a recovery operation, but only Derek Green was likely to know this.

- 5.5 KH asked what the current situation was in regard to the u/w data loggers which were needing to be replaced. DJ explained that he was assuming the existing loggers were still *in situ* although were likely to have run out of power. In response to an email DJ had sent out, Mark Lavington from Appledore SAC was the last person to have seen one on the *Robert* in July 2016. There should also be one at the end of the jetty. DJ & RI had been assessing replacement options on the internet. KH offered to ask colleagues at the MBA for a recommended manufacturer/model. It was once again stressed how important it was to get the existing loggers recovered and replaced and for the new ones to be put in place a.s.a.p.

In answer to a question relating to a replacement automatic weather station on the island, DJ confirmed that the new one had recently arrived but had still to be set up. Once this had been done, the public would be able to access it live via a website.

6. **D&SIFCA update (Lauren Parkhouse)**

- 6.1 After two years in the making, the IFCA's netting byelaw is now in force (as of 1st March 2018). The use of nets within the District now requires an IFCA permit; and netting is now banned in all estuaries within the District, apart from seine netting for sandeels. At Lundy, there is a netting restriction around all of the island, although it does not extend out to the MCZ outer boundary – in other words, permitted netting is still allowed within approximately half of the MPA (see attached map).
- 6.2 The removal of spiny lobster by means of nets is also now banned throughout the whole of the MPA, so this now means that the removal of spiny lobster by any fishing means (towed gear, potting & diving) is now prohibited within the MPA. It is also illegal to remove spiny lobster from the Bideford to Foreland Point MCZ on the mainland.
- 6.3 LP added that D&SIFCA were still keen to obtain any sightings of crawfish from divers or fishermen and she distributed a number of A5 printed recording cards for this purpose. If divers had any comments about the forms, LP would be pleased to hear

them.

There have been an increasing number of reports of juvenile crawfish appearing at Lundy and also off the north coast of Devon, from both diver observations as well as being caught in pots, so it would appear their recovery is underway. KH added that 'episodic recruitment' may be happening, with a number of years when a lot of young crawfish are recorded, followed by years when very few show up. LP would be grateful to receive any photos of crawfish from divers, especially if these have some indication of scale included within the photo, so that an approximate size of the crawfish in question can be obtained.

The IFCA are also considering trying to tag some individual crawfish which divers may encounter at Lundy this summer, so there's a possibility LP will be contacting local dive clubs and charter boats skippers with this in mind during the course of the summer.

KH added that the finding of crawfish cast exoskeletons was worthy of recording by divers too. He had recently visited Ilfracombe Aquarium where a crawfish had cast its shell. By having the crawfish whose shell it had been still in the tank, it was possible to measure how much the individual had grown as a result of the moult. This opportunity is most unlikely to occur in the wild.

- 6.4 LP added that there was also a Devon and Severn IFCA Facebook page:
<https://en-gb.facebook.com/DevonandSevernIFCA>

7. **Natural England (NE) update**

- 7.1 MP had sent her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. KH added that it was disappointing that Natural England were not able to provide someone in MP's place, as they still played an important part in the management of the MPA.
- 7.2 MP had emailed through a report, which RI read out:

NE is supportive of the Warden's idea to hold a Bioblitz-type weekend to gather data on intertidal and marine species and habitats, and has applied for funding which may help deliver this. It would be good to agree with the Warden, and others, which surveys we would like to include.

DJ elaborated on his Bioblitz idea. He believes several tasks could be completed by marine biologists and by volunteers over such a weekend (likely to be in 2019). It wouldn't be just a matter of producing a long species list. It could feature straightforward monitoring tasks as well. These could include (for divers) condition assessment of sea fans; checking for the presence of sunset cup corals at Gannets' Rock Pinnacle; undertaking Seasearch surveys; (and for landlubbers) checking on the intertidal rockpools in the Devil's Kitchen; checking on the presence/distribution of the invasive seaweed *Sargassum muticum*; seal counts at remote locations, etc.

It was agreed that some level of funding would be required (to cover expenses, air fills etc.); and that inducements should be provided in order to get contributors to stay over the whole weekend. It would be a reward for those participating to have some means of sharing the results of the various projects before everyone disperses.

Not wishing to put a dampener on things, RI pointed out that such an event held over a weekend would rely heavily on good weather and calm seas. However, all agreed it was a good idea with a lot of potential.

- 7.3 NE would like to continue the seal survey work started last year by the Warden, gathering data that input to SMRU's national analysis. However, there is no funding for it so we would like to seek sponsorship for the surveys from a local company /

business / organization, so if anyone has any suggestions of potential contacts please let Mel know. The minimum cost for the surveys is about £2k.

- 7.4 MP hasn't started the anchoring sensitivity assessment yet. All of the information she needs is accessible, but she hasn't had time to sit down and do it. [See also 3.6 of these Notes].
- 7.5 Andy Bell and his team agreed to update the Lundy Zoning Scheme with the new IFCA Byelaw information. He may be able to provide more information on that. [See also 9.1].
- 7.6 The Marine Management Plan was agreed in 2017. I am working with the LMF members to confirm who is already delivering towards some of the objectives set out in it, and then we can think about where the gaps are and how we go about filling them. MP hasn't had responses from all LMF members yet, but she will try to keep the momentum going on this important project.
- 7.7 Clare Miller (NE Marine Technical Specialist) has provided an update on the Defra (via Cefas) funded drop-camera and benthic grab survey in 2017 within the Lundy MPA, which was undertaken by the Environment Agency in conjunction with Natural England and Devon and Severn IFCA. She reports:
 - Infauna and PSA samples were collected at 98 stations across the SAC using a mini-Hamon grab.
 - Four stations yielded only PSA samples.
 - Five stations had additional sediment contaminant samples taken (PCBs, PAHs, heavy metals) using a Day grab.
 - Unfortunately, there have been delays with the infauna analysis so these results are not available yet. This has had a knock on impact on the production of the Lundy SAC Site Report which is being written by Cefas. This delay is something NE and EA have no control over. Until we have this report we cannot give any comparisons to previous surveys within the SAC or species recorded for the first time at Lundy. I'd be happy to put together something or give a presentation once we do have these results.
- 7.8 NE has been working with the Biosphere and others on Defra's Marine Pioneer Project in N Devon. Andy Bell will be able to provide more information [see 9.2].

8. **Historic England update (Alison James)**

8.1 HMS Montagu Fieldwork

Following questions from Keith Hiscock and Robert Irving at a Lundy MPA Advisory Group meeting on 11th October 2016, we have asked Wessex Archaeology to investigate the wreck of HMS *Montagu*, lost at Shutter Point in May 1906. Planned survey work last autumn had to be postponed due to poor weather and, as some of you may be aware, they are back on site this week (16th – 25th April). Their job is to provide the archaeological and historical data and expert advice that Historic England will use to advise DCMS [Dept. for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport] whether to schedule the wreck site. Volunteer divers from Ilfracombe and North Devon SAC will be joining the project as volunteers and Help for Heroes will be carrying out a second diving investigation towards the end of the week [ABen confirmed this had now been cancelled]. We also hope Derek Green will be joining the diving team during the course of the week.

We would love to hear from anyone who has dived the site and would be willing to share images, video or other information with us. You can follow progress on the work here: <https://www.wessexarch.co.uk/news/hms-montagu>

ABen confirmed that his boat *Obsession* has been chartered by Wessex Archaeology for their survey. He had warned them of the likelihood of poor visibility occurring during April and this is indeed the case – it is less than a metre at the moment. Unfortunately, in a few weeks' time the kelp would have started growing again, which will hinder their access around the shallow site. Ilfracombe Dive Club divers have been invited to join the Wessex team at the weekend, although MA said she was having difficulty getting members to sign up!

8.2 Protected Wreck Site Licences – *Iona II* and Gull Rock

As you are aware there are now multiple licence holders for these sites and I thought it would be helpful to remind you who currently holds licences for them see below. I have also indicated individuals named as additional licensees under the name of the main licence holder. It is worth remembering that under the terms agreed with DCMS **the main Licencee holder or an Additional Licencee must be on site at all times for the licence to be valid.**

Any suspicion of unauthorised access to a Protected Wreck Site should be reported to the relevant local Police Service, Maritime and Coastguard Agency and Historic England. **You should call 999 when a crime is in progress or someone suspected of a crime is nearby. Where you believe that an offence may have been committed and the suspect is no longer at the scene you should call the Police using the national non-emergency number 101.** If you have information about a crime relating to an protected wreck but you do not wish to be a witness you can pass on your information to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111. The service is confidential and you will not be asked for your name or personal details. All reports of unauthorised access will be fully investigated.

Please do share this information with anyone you think should see it. I hope everyone have a great dive season this year and we look forward to seeing some of your photos and hearing about your dives. Please do share them with Historic England on Twitter using the hashtag #ProtectedWreck and tagging @HE_Maritime. Alternatively you can email us them or add them to the official List Entry for the site (see below).

Iona II

Location: off Tibbett's Point, Lundy Island

NHLE Entry: <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1000051>

- 1 Michael Deaton (Additional Licencees: Ben Hill, Mark Lavington)
- 2 The Lundy Island Company – please note as a corporate licence all employees of the Lundy Island Company can act as a licensee as well as the additional named licensees. (Additional Licencees: Clive Pearson, Andrew Bengey, Colin Eastman, Dean Jones, Ben Bengey, Leigh Hanks, Stuart Carpenter, Derek Green)
- 3 Fiona Hampton-Matthews

Gull Rock

Location: off Gull Rock, Lundy Island

NHLE Entry: <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1000053>

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MA was a little surprised to find that she had not been listed as an Additional Licencee, as she had already been in touch with Alison James to ask to be kept on her list. She will take up this apparent oversight directly with Alison or her successor.

CM added that Graham Scott, who is leading the Wessex Archaeology team, had visited the Ilfracombe SAC and given a very good presentation on the HMS *Montagu*. Graham was also able to obtain photos of *Montagu* artifacts which adorn the walls of the Clubhouse, and visit Ilfracombe Museum to look at archive material.

8.3 Historic England Contact

I will be leaving Historic England in the next month for new challenges and as yet my replacement has still to be recruited. For now please contact me as normal but once I leave I suggest contacting Mark Dunkley for anything urgent relating to the two protected wreck sites and using the maritime@historicengland.org.uk email address for all non-urgent enquiries. Historic England, through Mark Dunkley, will provide an update to the next meeting on my replacement.

9. **Any other business**

- 9.1 **The new revised Zoning Scheme.** ABel updated the Group on where things stood with regard to the new revised Zoning Scheme. He had offered to help Natural England (MP) and D&SIFCA (LP) in providing an updated GIS map for the MPA, which would take into account the new D&SIFCA fishing byelaws. However, he had not been able to make sense of the files sent to him by MP, as these were not the 'shape files' which are the ones required. However, he thought colleagues at Plymouth University working on the GIS database for the Pioneer project might be able to help out with this.

LP agreed to re-send the appropriate files direct to ABel and include the latest batch of files that relate to the new netting byelaw. RI added that he was concerned with the number of layers now having to be incorporated into the map and whether the final product was going to end up rather messy. He suggested a graphic designer might be needed to help make the final map accurate, informative as well as attractive. ABel also added that colour blindness should also be taken into account and to ensure that red and green together were not used as colours on the map.

- 9.2 **N. Devon Marine Pioneer** update. ABel explained that Defra have now launched their 25 year Environment Plan, which includes a 'strong' marine chapter. As part of the Plan, the Marine Pioneer project is being trialled in N. Devon, with a number of partner organisations forming a Steering Group. Two workshops had been held over the past year with interested parties attending (including several represented at this evening's meeting).

The geographical area covered by the project extends from Minehead in the north, out to 20 km beyond Lundy and south to Tintagel and includes several MPAs. Plymouth University are providing a geo-database, assimilating all marine and coastal information already known about the area. PML and the SWEEP partnership are assisting with strategic planning. D&SIFCA are looking at fishing and science management, and further input to this is coming from the Blue Marine Foundation. A Marine Plan is in development that will tie-in with the existing MMO strategic plan. The key phrase is that the area in question will "not just be 10% protected but 100% managed".

- 9.3 **WWF UK SEAS project.** This project is being led by Sarah Young in N. Devon and is closely aligned to the Marine Pioneer project. Sarah had been invited along to the meeting to explain the WWF UK SEAS project in more detail.

The project, run in partnership with Natural England, is looking at improving MPA management in N. Devon. The primary donor to the project (of £5m) is Sky, and they are particularly interested in hearing about stories from N. Devon relating to coastal and marine activities. SY was confident that Lundy could well benefit from this project. There are now currently 293 MPAs within the UK, although their purposes vary and many are without management plans.

There are four main themes to the project: (1) Improving governance for MPAs; (2) Sustainable finance for MPAs; (3) Improving community awareness of local MPAs; and (4) Ensuring Government provides sufficient finance for MPAs. WWF are keen to assist with existing projects that are sustainable in the long-term.

At a recent Workshop, 143 organizations were identified by participants as having something to do with the marine environment; 40 organizations were regarded as being 'very powerful'; and only four organizations were identified by three separate groups as being most relevant: D&SIFCA, the MMO, and Natural England.

The project has a survey entitled a *Management Effectiveness Assessment*, for which they would welcome input from the Lundy MPA Advisory Group. SY went on to say that a paper published in *Nature* last year pointed out that the main reason for the failure of MPAs is a lack of capacity – not enough finance, not enough community involvement, not enough governance. The project will spend two years pulling together all the information needed, followed by a period of implementation in N. Devon. If this is seen to work well, then it will be rolled out nationwide.

SY was particularly interested to hear about the *Spash In!* photo competition and also the *BioBlitz* idea, both of which will involve community engagement aligned with science. She thought her project might be able to assist with publicity for these events. The project is also interested in maritime history (and associated stories) and also how things have changed over time, giving as an example comparing present day shore communities at Lundy with those from the late 1940s.

At the end of the presentation, KH thanked SY and apologized for the speed with which she had been asked to race through her talk. She confirmed that she will be giving the same presentation to the Management Forum meeting tomorrow. RD asked SY if there was a project website where further information was available, to which SY replied that it was being built at the moment and should be up and running soon. A nationwide MPA website, in conjunction with Natural England, is also in the pipeline. ABen wanted to thank Sarah for the recent Workshop she had run which he had attended – he thought it had been very worthwhile.

SY commented that she felt the main thing that was currently missing at Lundy was a comprehensive programme of monitoring. This should really be a Government funded programme, but if it was considered important enough, it may be that her project could help with that side of things. KH added that Lundy's Marine Management Plan was a little different from the internationally accepted format for such plans, as it avoided commitment to monitoring programmes and performance indicators.

- 9.4 ABel wanted to highlight the fact that the next set (Tranche 3) of MCZ designations were being consulted upon this summer. Within our area, there is an area NW of Lundy; there is an area off Morte Point called the Morte Platform; and there are the upper reaches of the Taw and Torridge Estuaries.
- 9.5 ABel also mentioned that the Biosphere Reserve was about to sign an agreement for Interreg money for a Bio-Cultural Tourism project. This project will provide part-funding for a staff position within the new St Helen's Centre on Lundy.
- 9.6 RI mentioned a one-day annual conference that was held in Plymouth last week entitled *SW Marine Ecosystems*, which highlighted the work being done each year in the SW on marine projects. Many volunteer groups are represented. The conference has various objectives, one of which is noting changes in marine life and another is the opportunity to network with other marine-associated groups. He thought it would be great if the Lundy warden could be present at next year's conference.
- 9.7 RI pointed out that a couple of years ago, the Advisory Group had agreed to having the "Notes" of the meetings put up on a website so that they could be accessed by one and all. Now that the MPA website was being revamped, he hoped this could now be done. He would be able to pass pdf copies of these notes on to DJ.

- 9.8 RI also mentioned that KH had just had a book published (by Wild Nature Press) entitled *Exploring Britain's Hidden World – A Natural History of Seabed Habitats*, which was well written and well illustrated with KH's many underwater photographs. Lundy is mentioned at several points in the text. A snip at £22!

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday, 3rd October 2018** at 7:00 pm at the Ilfracombe Sub-Aqua Club Clubhouse, Ropery Road, Ilfracombe EX34 9EF
[Note that this is different from the proposed date of 16th October]

[The next Management Forum meeting has been arranged to take place on 4th October 2018]

Please note that the *Conservation Team's Report (October 2017 - April 2018)* forms a separate pdf file and is attached separately to these Notes.