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Ein cyf/Our ref: ATI000867

Eich cyf/Your ref:

20 August 2012

Dear Professor Ashenden

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - MCZ Local Community Engagement

I am writing in respect of your recent enquiry for information (ATI0000867) under the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

The 2008 Llandudno workshop you refer to in your enquiry was run by CCW as part of a project we were undertaking to look into a process for identifying highly protected marine reserves in Welsh seas (the general term of highly protected marine reserves was used at this workshop as the MCZ designation did not exist at the time of the workshop). This workshop contributed to advice Welsh Government asked CCW to provide in 2008, as statutory nature conservation advisors, on a process for site identification. The workshop attendance list is provided in Annex 1 to this letter.

Following the workshop CCW submitted advice to Welsh Government in August 2008 and awaited a decision on the process, and our role in that process. In early 2009 Welsh Government confirmed their intention to lead the process for identification of highly protected sites themselves; this led to the launch of the Government led MCZ Project Wales. Since this time it has been Welsh Government's role to lead formal community engagement in relation to highly protected MCZs. As a result, following submission of our advice in 2008 CCW has not been in the position to instigate formal stakeholder and community engagement in relation to highly protected sites. We did however, contribute to and attend all formal meetings relating to the MCZ proposals where we were invited to do so.

CCW staff have, and continue to have, many informal discussions with partners and members of the community about all aspects of our work, including our role in the MCZ Project and advice CCW has given. This forms part of CCW's day to day work and we do not have records of all these contacts; it is this ongoing informal engagement that David Parker referred to in his interview.

The above is a complete answer to the question and any reproduction should therefore include reproduction of the full answer.



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We now consider that we have complied with your request. However, if you are dissatisfied with our response you are entitled to pursue this matter through our appeals and complaints procedure, a copy of which is attached

Yours sincerely

Donna Muirhead

1. Annex 1
2. Appeals and Complaints procedure



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Annex 1: 2008 Llandudno workshop attendance list

Workshop title: A Process for the Selection of Highly Protected Marine Reserves in Wales
Workshop date: 18th April 2008

Note that:

- some organisations sent more than one representative
- names have been removed for data protection
- numerous other organisations were invited that did not attend
- attendance was open to anyone expressing an interest

The following organisations were represented at the workshop:

Welsh Assembly Government
Countryside Council for Wales
Aberdovey Partnership
Environment Agency Wales
Sustainable Energy Alliance
University of Bangor
Llyn Pot Fisherman's Association
South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee
Welsh Federation of Sea Anglers
Pembrokeshire Marine Special Area of Conservation
Joint Nature Conservation Committee
Carmarthen Bay & Estuaries European Marine Site
Conwy County Borough Council
Marine Conservation Society
University of Aberystwyth
International Sea Kayak Association
Wales Environment Link
Pen Llyn a'r Sarnau Special Area of Conservation
Isle of Anglesey County Council
Welsh Federation of Fishermen's Association
Natural England
Wales Coastal & Maritime Partnership
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Traeth Lafan Group
Extramussel Ltd
Deepdock Ltd
Myti Mussels
North Western & North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee
Baron Hill Estate
Cardigan Bay Fishermen's Association



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Cardigan Bay Special Area of Conservation
Welsh Yachting Association
Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales
University of Cardiff
Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum
Sea Angling Conservation Network
Conwy Borough County Council
Anglesey Sea Zoo & Marine Resource Centre



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Appeals

If you are not happy with our refusal to release information and wish to appeal, you should write to Adrian Williams, Director of Planning & Resources, (Countryside Council for Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW) who will consider your appeal (unless he was involved in the original decision to refuse information, in which case another director will consider the appeal). Explain your appeal and mention any letters you have already sent us.

If you are still not satisfied you have a right of appeal to:

[Information Commissioner's Office](#) , Wycliffe House, Water Lane

Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 01625545700 or e-mail: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Complaints Procedure

If you wish to make a complaint about the way your request was handled by CCW, use our formal [Complaints Procedure](#) Write to Adrian Williams, Director of Planning & Resources, (Countryside Council for Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW). He will investigate your complaint thoroughly and reply within two weeks of receiving your letter.

If you are still not happy, write to Roger Thomas, Chief Executive (Countryside Council for Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW). Explain your complaint and mention any letters you have already sent us.

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