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Sizewell C Marine Technical Forum: Quarterly Meeting [No7]

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Level:	Marine Technical Forum
Date:	4 th March 2025
Location:	Microsoft Teams
Chair:	Peter Barham; Independent Chair (PB)
Attendees:	Stephen Roast; SZC Ltd (SR) Ben Hughes; SZC Ltd (BH) Andrew Griffith; Cefas for SZC Ltd (AG) Lucy Goodman; ESC (LG) Chris Finbow; ESC (CF) Ethan Lakeman; MMO (EL) Laura Calvert; MMO (LC) Adam Chumbley (AC) Ayden Hassan; EA (AH) Simon Barlow; EA (SB)
Apologies:	Sean Mahoney (NE) Polly Mills (NE)

Meeting Note

Discussion Item	Comments	By when
1	<u>Welcome and Introductions</u>	
1.01	PB welcomed and introduced everybody.	
1.02	PB noted that Natural England had sent apologies for no representation at the meeting and that SR had emailed seeking confirmation from other MTF members that they were happy to proceed, in line with the MTF Terms of Reference. PB asked MMO, EA, ESC and SZC to confirm they were content for the meeting to be considered Quorate. All members confirmed	
2	<u>Safety Message</u> <i>The ocean is downstream of everything, so all of our actions, no matter where we live, affect the ocean and marine life it holds. What do you think you can do to help marine life?"</i>	
3	<u>Project Update</u>	
3.01	SR provided an update on the current status of the project and matters arising:	
3.02	The project is still working hard to confirm the financial investment arrangements and currently working on due diligence with potential investors. Working towards financial close (Financial Investment Decision) for summer 2025.	
3.03	Works at site continue to progress apace with the new office block now being used at the ACA (Ancillary Construction Area)	

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3.04	SR confirmed that SZC Ltd would be moving to new offices closer to Liverpool Street: 25 Cophall Avenue EC2R 7BP SR added that the new office would become the registered office for the company and that, where relevant, consents would need to be updated to reflect the new location.	
3.05	In terms of marine works specifically, the next activity will be investigations for UXO followed by their removal (where required); then dredging for, and construction of, the desalination plant and Combined Drainage outfall headworks. The temporary Marine Bulk Import Facility will also commence later this year.	
4	Minutes from Last Meeting	
4.01	SR confirmed that all actions from the previous meeting had been closed and there were no open Actions from previous meetings.	
4.02	SB asked, in relation to Action MTF031224.03, for clarification on the date of the next Quarterly meeting scheduled for Tuesday 03 June. SR confirmed that PB was unable to attend on 03 June due to a SUDG meeting at the MMO and that MMO had previously suggested they may not be able to attend either due to "all hands" team meeting.	
4.03	Action 1: SR to issue a call for dates, close to 03 June, as an alternative date for the next MTF Quarterly meeting (#8)	04/04/25
5	DML and DCO Returns	
5.01	SR summarised the DML Conditions and DCO Requirement submissions that had been made in 2025 and confirmed their status:	
5.02	DML Condition 7: Programme of Works (#2) was submitted 08/02/25 and is approved	
5.03	DML Condition 16: Marine Archaeology Written Scheme of Investigation was submitted 14/02/25 and is under determination	
5.04	DML Condition 32: Dredging Method Statement was submitted 14/02/25 and is under determination	
5.05	DML Condition 38: CDO Construction Method Statement was submitted 14/02/25 and is under determination	
5.06	DML Condition 32: Desalination Plant Construction Method Statement was submitted 14/02/25 and is under determination.	
5.07	SR confirmed that Requirement 19 would require a very minor update to account for the amendment to pile layout of the Temporary Marine Bulk Import Facility (TMBIF) trestle piles above mean low water and these details would be included in the update to reflect the redesign of the Temporary Sea Defence (TSD) for the Sizewell B interface later in 2025 (to be confirmed; Q2-Q3).	
5.08	SR confirmed that SZC Ltd is of the opinion that the CPMMP is already sufficient to monitor the proposed changes of the TMBIF and TSD but will confirm this with MTF members when the Requirement 19 update is available.	
5.09	SR confirmed the Variation Request for the DML to reflect changes in design (pile layout and head arrangement) is with MMO for determination. SR stated that an additional change had been requested to add ESC as named consultees on Conditions relating to method statements as a formal means for ESC to approve should	

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	the detailed CMS differ from that provided at DCO (Pursuant to DCO Requirement 13). SR confirmed that all requested information had been supplied to MMO	
6	Other Marine Licences	
6.01	BH provided an overview of the other (non-DML) licence applications currently in progress:	
6.02	Licence L/2019/00188/8 for undertaking geotechnical investigations in Sizewell Bay has now completed. All works were completed and the vessels left the site in December 2024. BH added that no more investigations are consented under L/2019/00188/8 and it cannot be varied any further.	
6.03	The consultation for MLA/2024/00601 for investigation of potential UXO (pUXO) has now closed and the licence is expected to be issued within the next week or so. BH added the works are expected to commence in April.	
6.04	The 'follow-up' licence for removal of confirmed UXO is expected to be submitted in May 2025, with works hoping to commence July 2025. BH acknowledged the 'aggressive' timescales and explained the need is (a) to align with construction programme and (b) to mitigate potential impacts by completing the works in summer. SR added that for terrestrial UXO the return rate was of the order of 3% confirmed UXO from several thousand target so, if that same rate is applicable for the marine environment, one might expect only 2 or 3 UXO needing to be removed.	
6.05	AC noted the timescale and acknowledged the need but stated nevertheless the underwater noise tracker and timings will need to be considered by SZC Ltd.	
6.06	SB noted there is a potential issue for removal of deep terrestrial UXO due to dewatering and subsequent discharge of water and asked if this risk was carried through for the foreshore. SR said he thought it was unlikely but said he would check	
6.07	Action 2: SR to check status of deep UXO clearance and confirm / deny similar risk to foreshore UXO clearances	04/04/25
7	Forward Look	
7.01	SR provided a Forward Look of potential submissions, subject to change or confirmation, to help with MTF member resourcing.	
8	Sizewell Shoreline Management Group (SSMG) update	
8.01	SR provided an update on the proposed revision to the SSMG now that SZC was under construction	
8.02	SR confirmed that SZC would enter into a legal agreement with SZB to become a formal member of the SSMG including responsibility for monitoring and management of the shore.	
8.03	SR explained that at present there is a Sizewell Shoreline Management Steering Group (SSMSG; comprising SZB with SZC as guests) and a Sizewell Shoreline Management Users Group (SSMUG; comprising SZA, SZB, SZC, EA, ESC, MMO, NE and RSPB). SR explained that the SSMSG would remain as it is in terms of membership and functionality but that the SSMUG would merge with the SZC MTF and become a Coastal Geomorphology "sub-group" similar to an earlier pre-DCO arrangement.	

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	SR reiterated that the proposal was subject to legal agreement between SZB and SZC and confirmed he would provide updates on developments as they arose.	
9	Member Update	
9.01	<p>MMO:</p> <p>AC stated that, having covered the role since Amy Trakos left last December, he would soon be stepping down as the interim Senior Licencing Manager (Nuclear) at MMO. AC confirmed that Tracey Champney, who has considerable experience from her role as Case Manager at HPC, would be taking over the role permanently</p> <p>PB said that previously SZC Ltd had offered an "Introduction to the Project" style meeting to bring new staff up to speed with the marine elements of the SZC project and was sure that SZC would extend that to Tracey. SR confirmed that SZC would be happy to do so if required.</p>	
9.02	Action 3: SZC to host introductory meeting with Tracey Champney if required.	30/04/25
9.03	<p>EA:</p> <p>SB confirmed there was no major update relevant to the MTF. SB confirmed the EA is undergoing some structural changes but they are unlikely to impact SZC.</p> <p>SB confirmed the EA is currently working on various applications including desalination WDA permit determination which is open for public comment although there has been only one comment received so far.</p>	
9.04	<p>ESC:</p> <p>LG confirmed no update of relevance to MTF</p>	
10	Summing up and Confirmation of Actions	
10.01	PB summed up and confirmed the Actions	
10.02	<p>SR confirmed the date of the next meeting would have been 03 June 2025 but that a new call for dates will be circulated to suit availabilities (see Action 1).</p> <p>SR confirmed that he has received travel availabilities from MTF members (Action MTF031225.03) and will be seeking to host the next meeting in person at the new SZC offices.</p>	
11	RNIP and Meeting Close	
11.01	SR ran through the RNIP feedback form. EL and SB confirmed that the RNIP as completed on-screen by SR was accepted and could be submitted directly to RIO.	

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Actions Summary

Minute Ref	Actions	Who	By when
MTF040325.01	SR to issue a call for dates, close to 03 June, as an alternative date for the next MTF Quarterly meeting (#8)	SR	04/04/25
MTF040325.02	SR to check status of deep UXO clearance and confirm / deny similar risk to foreshore UXO clearances	SR	04/04/25
MTF040325.03	SZC to host introductory meeting with Tracey Champney if required.	SR	30/04/25

ACCEPTED