



# Tay Estuary Forum Annual Conference 2015

## *Sustainable Coasts: Abstracts*

*Balancing socio-economic drivers, whilst preserving coastal habitat & amenity*  
**West Park Conference Centre, Dundee. Friday 24th April**

### **Session 1: Strategic planning for the terrestrial and marine environments**

Session Chair: Rob Duck, TEF Chair, University of Dundee



#### **Scotland's First National Marine Plan**

**Anna Donald, Head of Marine Planning & Strategy, Marine Scotland**

Scotland's first National Marine Plan was published in March 2015. It sets out a framework for the sustainable development of Scottish seas and has legal effect for any public authority decision-making which affects the marine environment. This presentation will provide an introduction to the Plan and the approach taken to producing it. Anna Donald is the head of the Marine Planning and Strategy branch within Marine Scotland, a Directorate of Scottish Government. She is responsible for national and regional marine planning policy and oversees implementation of the Marine Strategy and Framework Directive for Scottish waters.

#### **TAYplan: Strategic Land Use Change**

**Pamela Ewen, TAYplan Strategic Development Planning Authority Manager**

Since TAYplan's inception in 2009 Pam Ewen has been in charge of the Strategic Development Planning Authority for the Dundee and Perth City Region in Scotland. Within 3 years TAYplan won the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) overall UK award for Excellence in Planning, the Silver Jubilee Cup. Pam is Convenor of RTPI in Scotland during 2015.



Before moving to TAYplan she worked for 9 years as a planning manager with Fife Council leading strategic planning, economic policy, research and information, and the development of the 7 large strategic developments areas across Fife. After graduating in the early 1990's from Strathclyde University she commenced her career in Local Government in Ayr before moving to Central Region and then Clackmannanshire working across development management, project implementation and development planning. Pam has a degree in Town Planning and an MBA. She is a member of the RTPI, member of Heads of Planning Scotland Executive and is a Board member of the Scottish Cities Knowledge Centre.

In her presentation, Pam will outline changes in land use in the TAYplan region through the Strategic Development Plan. Twitter: @TAYplan

#### **Scotland's East Coast Offshore Wind Developments– Progress Update 2015**

**Naomi Campbell, Offshore Wind Development Manager, The Crown Estate**

Naomi Campbell has been working within the offshore renewables sector for six years having worked both as the Project Manager for Seagreen Offshore Wind Limited on the Firth of Forth Zone, and most recently as The Crown Estate's Scottish Offshore Wind Development Manager. Naomi will provide an update on the progress made by the offshore wind projects on the east coast of Scotland over the past 12 months, as well as a summary of the look ahead.



## **Session 2: Multi-scale working towards a sustainable community**

Session Chair: Daniel Gilmour, University of Abertay

### **East Haven - Working towards a sustainable community**

Wendy Murray, East Haven Residents' Association

Wendy Murray has lived in the coastal village of East Haven in Angus for 25 years and represents East Haven Residents' Association. Wendy led on the East Haven 800 celebrations in 2014 which saw the former fishing community completely transformed as residents worked together to make improvements and celebrate their heritage. Wendy's presentation provides an overview of the achievements that saw residents achieve a Silvergilt in the Beautiful Scotland competition and the VisitScotland award for Tourism. Creating a stronger and more resilient community also saw residents win the Herald Society Award for Community Project of the Year. In going forward residents are exploring ways in which to continue to develop and maintain a sustainable community.

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### **Dundee Waterfront Regeneration Project - Opportunities and Challenges**

Allan Watt, Dundee Waterfront Project Director, Dundee City Council

Allan is a Chartered Town Planner and proud to be a Dundonian. In November 2010, Allan became Dundee Waterfront Project Director, which he describes as one of the most exciting and satisfying jobs he could ever have wished for. He has previously worked as Regional Planning Officer advising SNH on key projects such as the new Kincardine Bridge and the proposed new Forth Bridge crossing; he has been a Lecturer in Town and Regional Planning at the University of Dundee, becoming Director for the University's Environmental Management Course. He also led on the preparation of the Local Government Scotland Act 2003 and associated guidance. Allan was recruited to Scottish Enterprise (SE) in 2002 where he worked in Glasgow with the SE National Team helping set up Economic Forums across Scotland and then transferred to SE Fife where he became Senior Projects Manager with key involvement in projects such as the Central Fife Economic Recovery Plan, St. Andrews World Class Project and the development of the Edinburgh International Gateway.



From 2007 until August 2010 Allan was Senior Director for Business Infrastructure and Industries with Scottish Enterprise in Tayside. His greatest achievement was in securing £33m of investment by SE in the Dundee Waterfront Project over the next 10 years.

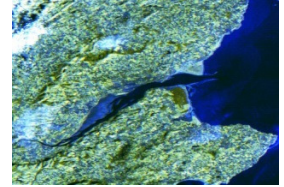
As Dundee Waterfront Project Director, Allan will discuss progress at the Waterfront and explore opportunities and challenges arising during recent stages of construction. Several exciting developments this year include: Work beginning on the V&A Museum alongside RRS Discovery and preparation of public spaces; which, accompanied by Dundee's UNESCO City of Design award, all herald exciting times for the city in 2015 and beyond.

## A UNESCO Biosphere Region along the Lower Tay?

**Martin Price**

**Chairman, UK national committee for UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme.  
Director, Centre for Mountain Studies, Perth College, University of the Highlands & Islands.  
Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Mountain Development.**

Professor Martin Price has worked at Perth College, University of the Highlands and Islands, since 2000, where he has held the UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Mountain Development since 2009. While the main focus of his work is on mountain people and environments, a second focus for 25 years has been on biosphere reserves, designated by UNESCO under the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme. He has been a member of the UK national MAB committee since 1993 (chair since 2011), has represented the UK on the MAB International Coordinating Council since 2012 (rapporteur for 2014-15), and has served two terms on the international Advisory Committee for Biosphere Reserves.



Since 1976, UNESCO has bestowed the global accolade of 'Biosphere Reserve' (BR) on 631 sites in 119 countries, including five in the UK. The intention is that each should "strive to be a site of excellence to explore and demonstrate approaches to conservation and sustainable development on a regional scale". A BR is a region with a clear identity, globally recognised for its species, its environment and the commitment of a wide range of stakeholders to work together towards a sustainable future. Given difficulties with the word 'reserve', discussions are underway to change the meaning of BR to 'Biosphere Region'. This talk will outline the aims of a BR, how they are established and implemented, and the resulting opportunities. Examples of other BRs in the UK will be presented, and initial suggestions made for the development of a BR along the Lower Tay and offshore.



## Session 3: Safeguarding humans, habitats and species

Session Chair: Tom Piper, Bidwells/ The Crown Estate

**RNLI Community Lifesaving Plans, Broughty Ferry**  
**Michael Avril, RNLI Community Incident Reduction Manager,**  
**Scotland & North England**



Michael is the RNLI Community Incident Reduction Manager for the RNLI in Scotland and North of England. He is currently implementing Community Lifesaving Plans in South Queensferry, Oban, Broughty Ferry and a combined plan for Barra, Leverburgh & Stornoway. The RNLI has set itself a target of producing a plan for every lifeboat station and lifeguard unit in the UK and Ireland with the aim of reducing coastal fatalities by 50%. Working with 66 Lifeboat Stations around the coast of North England and Scotland to identify areas where there have been fatalities and serious injury at sea. Once identified he works with the RNLI Lifeboat station, local Community and Interested stakeholders to introduce interventions to prevent injury or death to RNLI crews, Leisure Users, Commercial maritime operators and the Public. With this in mind he is keen to explore partnership working in addressing the issue of coastal and sea safety.



## Protecting Tayside's Wildlife

PC Blair Wilkie, Police Scotland, Tayside Division

PC Wilkie takes a look at what's legal and what's illegal in the field of Wildlife and Countryside Management. She will cover ways that countryside managers can control pests without breaking the law, she will have a closer look at bird crime including egg theft and raptor persecution and she will identify the UK priorities in tackling wildlife crime.



## Sustainable Creative Communities: Engaging, Writing and Filming Tayside Spaces

Susan Mains, School of Environment, University of Dundee



Susan is a Lecturer in Human Geography at the University of Dundee. Her work explores transnational identities and media representations of mobility, borders, and security in the context of Caribbean migration, creative industries in Jamaica and Scotland, and heritage tourism. Currently she is the coordinator for a Carnegie Trust funded project, “Ties to the Tay,” which utilises participatory filmmaking as part of an interdisciplinary project between a group of academics at the University of Dundee, the Nethergate Writers, artists, and community organisations. She is also a partner in a Royal Society of Edinburgh funded collaborative project exploring representations of place and landscape connections between the Scottish Highlands and the Caribbean.

This presentation examines the concept of creative sustainable communities and analyses the extent to which storytelling—combined with a range of media formats—can document and encourage diverse Tayside identities and places. To undertake this journey, the presentation draws on the ongoing activities being undertaken as part of the ‘Ties to the Tay’ project. Based at the University of Dundee, the project is an interdisciplinary partnership between academics, creative writers and visual artists, and explores the complex relationships that residents of the Tayside area have with the River Tay. Although the river has regularly featured in images and stories of Dundee and the East Coast of Scotland, limited attention has been paid to the diversity of individual and community experiences of this cultural—and material—landscape. Drawing on several semi-structured workshops and the collaborative production of a series of short films based on the work of the Dundee-based Nethergate Writers, this discussion provides an innovative opportunity to engage with these dynamic spatial relationships and conversations, while unearthing the role of storytelling and media in articulating a sense of belonging.



Project Website: <https://tiestohtetay.wordpress.com/>