



for
Coastal
Communities

Annual General Meeting 2023

Wednesday 10th May 2023 - 10:00-11:00

Room C, 1 Parliament Street

Chair: Sally-Ann Hart MP

Secretariat:

Amy Pryor - Coastal Partnership Network

Nicola Radford - Coastal Communities Alliance

Beccy MacDonald-Lofts - Local Government Association Coastal
Special Interest Group

HEADLINES & ACTIONS

- Chair and Officers were elected to the APPG.
- Actions from the Coastal Inquiry 2022-23 were reviewed with outstanding actions identified to be taken forwards.
- Plans for the 2023-34 continuation of the Coastal Inquiry were reviewed and agreed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Welcome

Election of Chair & Officers

Review of Coastal Inquiry 2022-23 Actions

Review of plans for 2023-24 Coastal Inquiry programme

IN ATTENDANCE

Sally-Ann Hart MP (Chair)
Peter Aldous MP
Martin Vickers MP
Damian Green MP
Bambos Charalambous MP
Officers OBO James Wilde MP, Anna Firth
MP, Gillian Keegan MP, Sally-Ann Hart MP

SECRETARIAT

Beccy MacDonald-Lofts – LGA Coastal SIG
Nicola Radford – Coastal Communities
Alliance

APOLOGIES

Apologies sent were noted

ELECTION OF CHAIR & OFFICERS

Sally-Ann Hart MP was re-elected as Chair of the APPG for Coastal Communities. MP's elected Officers present and *in absentia* as follows:

Rosie Duffield MP
 Virginia Crosbie MP
 Peter Aldous MP
 Selaine Saxby MP
 David Duguid MP

Robin Millar MP
 Anna Firth MP
 Tim Loughton MP
 Giles Watling MP
 Jim Shannon MP

REVIEW OF COASTAL INQUIRY 2022-23 ACTION

MPs in attendance reviewed the actions of the 2022-23 Coastal Inquiry as shown in the table below. All agreed that whilst some actions were ongoing, the APPG has covered several topics deep dives and has made excellent progress, bringing the challenges of coastal communities to the fore across Parliament. The coastal inquiry actions and their progress are shown in the table below:

Action	Status	Comments
A request for a Back Bench Policy Debate on Coastal Communities	Complete	Debate on 8 September 2022 by Sally-Ann Hart
Chair to follow up with the Minister regarding the Data Bill possibilities in relation to the Health Bill amendment and how the Data can be accessed	Ongoing	Chair to take forward
Best practise case studies of Green / Blue preventative Medicine	Ongoing	Secretariat to take forward
Consideration of a research repository through a one-stop coastal hub	Complete	Currently under discussion through Coastal Partnership's Network National Framework proposals
Consideration of the requirements of the Skills and Post-16 Education Act regarding whether it delivers for coastal areas; changes to delivery time-frames and funding mechanisms	Ongoing	Consideration by Officers of the APPG
Raise awareness of the Year of the Coast 2023 initiative across wider coastal MP network to engage communities and cross-sector interests	Ongoing	MP's to continue raising the profile of this initiative with a follow up session to be delivered in early 2023 to review it's progress
Development of a cross-departmental task force to be established to support the appointment of a dedicated Minister for Coast	Ongoing	Discussions around potential cross-departmental groups already established. Officers to determine the relevance of these groups and continue to support the call for a Minister for Coast
Future session on Marine Natural Capital	Ongoing	To be delivered through 2023-24 sessions
Attendance to the Debate on Local Government Funding Formulas to raise the report's findings	Complete	Delivered through back-bench debates by Peter Aldous MP and Sally-Ann Hart MP.
Report to be shared with the Chancellor of the Exchequer	Complete	
Letter with report to be sent to Prime Minister and SoS for Levelling Up	Complete	
Need for integration into education streams and wider awareness around the value of the marine environment for	Ongoing	Consideration by Officers of the APPG

health and wellbeing through a joined-up approach across sectors		
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REVIEW OF PLANS FOR 2023-24 COASTAL INQUIRY PROGRAMME

The outline of topics to be covered through the 2023-24 Coastal Inquiry sessions were agreed with requests to ensure that through these sessions, socio-economic and environmental angles for each topic need to be voiced through the speakers to ensure coverage across interests.

Requests were made for a deeper dive session on education to be included along with a showcase session on the “Best of the Year of the Coast 2023”.