

**DUDDON ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



**Wednesday 13 July, 2011
7.00pm
Millom Council Centre
St George's Rd, Millom, Cumbria LA18 4DD**

AGENDA

- 1. Introductions and Apologies**
 - 2. Speaker – Rachel Osbourn, Copeland Coastal Partnership**
 - 3. Minutes of the last meeting held 15 March 2011**
 - 4. Matters arising**
 - 5. Standing items feedback**
 - a. Budget – summary attached**
 - b. Energy Infrastructure**
 - I. Extension to Walney Offshore Wind Scheme**
 - II. Grid Upgrade**
 - c. Marine & Coastal Issues**
 - I. Coastal access in Cumbria**
 - II. NWIFCA update - note attached**
 - III. Draft Report on Irish Sea Conservation Zones**
<http://www.irishseaconservation.org.uk/node/92>
 - IV. Marine Policy Statement published**
<http://archive.defra.gov.uk/environment/marine/documents/interim2/marine-policy-statement.pdf>
 - V. Environment Agency Bathing Beach Profiles – Askham**
www.environment-agency.gov.uk/static/documents/bwprofiles/BW_44590_Askam_in_Furness.pdf
 - d. Nature Conservation**
 - I. Millom Nature Reserve update**
 - e. Unauthorised commercial activities**
 - f. Rail Liaison**
- 6. AOB**

Budget

Since our last meeting £430 has been paid for our annual web hosting fees and £23 for room hire. The budget now stands at £4440.

North Western Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority (NWIFCA) Update Brian Crawford

A brief update on matters of interest including current events and future prospects.

Since the last meeting of the Duddon Estuary Partnership I have attended the following meetings:

6th April, first meeting of the North Western Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority Technical, Scientific and Byelaws Sub-Committee at Morecambe where further relevant documentation to its establishment was discussed including its Terms of Reference and work programme. Also a review of all byelaws for the new NWIFCA District and a sustainable fisheries review. The issue of Marine Protected Areas in the NWIFCA District was also to be kept under review. Other members attending included Chris Lumb, Natural England, Bill Darbyshire, Environment Agency and Dr. Judith Clark who was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee with Chris Lumb as Vice-Chair.

17th May, the first Annual General Meeting of the full North Western Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority (NWIFCA) at Whitehaven. Officers were re-elected and a new byelaw 5 made regarding permits to fish for cockles and mussels. Other than that was to agree the various officer reports and to set up a Memorandum of Understanding with Natural England.