

1. The Partnership's main Consultative Committee has continued to meet on a regular basis around the Estuary with meetings at Barrow (November 2008), Broughton (March 2009) and Thwaites (July 2009). The Chairman's Working Group has also met on a similar basis in Ulverston.
2. There was no significant income or expenditure during the last year. The Partnership has an accrued budget of £5,516. This is held by Cumbria County Council. A summary of the budget is attached for 31 October 2009.
3. Activities of the Partnership in the last year include:
  - Continuing to support the further development of the Local Nature Reserve at the Millom Ironworks site including the development of grant bids and work to improve access and understanding. The Herpetological Conservation Trust has continued to be involved in the site with the Wealth of Wildlife project. The natterjack toads bred again this spring, despite dry weather effecting ponds.
  - Raising awareness generally, responding to Marine Bill and coastal consultations, promoting good practice and acting as a conduit for raising management issues with a range of organisations in the Duddon.
  - Engaging with Cumbria Coastal Rail Partnership and providing ideas for improving stations around the Estuary.
  - Engaging with the Morecambe Bay and Estuaries Regional Park project.
  - Engaging with review work linked to a potential electricity grid upgrade for Cumbria.
  - Supporting new community memberships to be in a strong position to respond to any nuclear new build proposals near the Duddon Estuary.
  - Discussing and taking action on other issues of interest and concern including rail liaison, shell fish gathering, unauthorised commercial bait digging and vehicle use, coastal defences, and planning applications and policy.
  - Agreeing to update the Partnership website to make better links with other coastal partnerships and providing up to date information on the work of the Partnership. This work should be complete by the end of November 2009.
4. Richard Scott continued as Chairman (Cumbria Council for Voluntary Services). Bob Mandale stepped down as the Vice Chairman and Brian Crawford of South Cumbria Seaports Association was elected as Vice Chairman at the AGM in November 2008.
5. Cumbria County Council continues to provide the secretariat to the Partnership, and staff resources are still limited and restrict any project development. A workshop was held in March 2009 to identify the issues that were important in the Duddon.
6. On the reverse is the County Council's Financial Statement for the Partnership as at end of October 2009. This shows that our finances are currently in a healthy state with no significant expenditure.
7. We are most grateful for continued staff support from Partners and attendance at meetings. Funding has not been received from any partners this year as we have not approached them with any project ideas. Partners are willing to consider new project ideas and to determine on a project by project basis the potential to provide financial support to the Partnership.

**Budget 2008/9**

**DUDDON ESTUARY**

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	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>EXPEND</b>	<b>COMMIT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>Meeting Room Hire</b>		22		
<b>Web hosting</b>		180		
<b>Supplies &amp; Services</b>				
<b>Support Services</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
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<b>TOTAL EXPEND</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Cfwd</b>		-5718		
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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>-5718</b>	<b>0</b>	
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<b>E5 TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-5516</b>		<b>-5516</b>

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