

1. The Partnership's main Consultative Committee has continued to meet on a regular basis around the Estuary with meetings at Walney (November 2009), Millom (March 2010) and Barrow (July 2010). 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 £4,910. This is held by Cumbria County Council. A summary of the budget is attached for 31 October 2010.
3. Activities of the Partnership in the last year include:
 - Continuing to support management and enhancement of the Local Nature Reserve at the Millom Ironworks. 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 the Marine Management Organisation, raising awareness of the role of the Partnership and accompanying its Chief Executive on a tour of the Duddon Estuary in the summer.
 - Responding to the Government's consultation on nuclear new build highlighting the issues and constraints to developing a power station at Kirksanton. This site was subsequently removed from the Government's list of potential sites.
 - Supporting Cumbria Coastal Rail Partnership and community groups working to improve stations around the Estuary.
 - Engaging with review work on the feasibility of a tidal barrage in the Duddon.
 - 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.
 - Updating the Partnership website to provide up to date information on the work of the Partnership and make better links with other coastal partnerships.
4. Richard Scott was re-elected as Chairman (Cumbria Council for Voluntary Services) at the AGM in November 2009. Brian Crawford of South Cumbria Seasports Association continued as Vice Chairman.
5. Cumbria County Council continues to provide the secretariat to the Partnership, allowing approximately 10 days of staff time for this service. Additional staff resources are still limited and restrict any project development.
6. On the reverse is the County Council's Financial Statement for the Partnership as at end of October 2010. This shows that our finances are currently in a healthy state with expenditure this year relating to room hire, website updates and annual website hosting fees.
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.

ENVIRONMENT UNIT

DUDDON ESTUARY BUDGET 2010/11

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	BUDGET	EXPEND	COMMIT	BALANCE
Room Hire		58		
Premises		58		
CMcEntegart		232		
Computer Software		180		
Catering				
Supplies & Services		412		
Support Services		0		
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TOTAL EXPEND	0	470	0	0
INCOME				
Cfwd		-5380		
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TOTAL INCOME		-5380	0	
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TOTAL BUDGET	0	-4910	0	-4910

29 October 2010