



## B7 Baltic Islands Network

### B7 Bornholm Chairmanship 2007

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## B7 STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES:

MEETING IN COPENHAGEN TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2007

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### DRAFT PROGRAMME: Meet the Danish Government:

Dates: 08 -10 October 2007

Venue: Copenhagen

Hotel: Norlandia Mercure

Vester Farimagsgade 17, 1606 Copenhagen

<http://www.norlandiahotels.dk/mercur>

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### SC Meeting Participants:

	First Name	Surname	Position in Municipality	Island	B7 Position
1	Bjarne	<b>Kristiansen</b>	Mayor	Bornholm	Steering Committee
2	Eva	<b>Nypelius</b>	County Mayor	Gotland	Steering Committee
3	Hannes	<b>Maasel</b>	County Governor	Hiiumaa	Steering Committee
4	Uwe	<b>Ahlers</b>	County Councillor	Rügen	Steering Committee
5	Toomas	<b>Kasemaa</b>	County Governor	Saaremaa	Steering Committee
6	Tommy	<b>Eliasson</b>	Deputy Chairman Morbylång Council	Öland	Steering Committee
7	Britt	<b>Lundberg</b>	Minister Åland Government	Åland	Steering Committee
8	Björn	<b>Jansson</b>	Municipal Commissioner	Gotland	
9	Jørgen	<b>Kvist</b>	Director	Bornholm	B7 Board
10	Ulla	<b>Pettersson</b>	Director for International Affairs	Gotland	B7 Board
11	Reet	<b>Kokovkin</b>	Advisor to the Governor	Hiiumaa	B7 Board
12	Christoph	<b>Löwen</b>	Spatial Planner	Rügen	B7 Board
13	Anu	<b>Vares</b>	Advisor to the Governor	Saaremaa	B7 Board
14	Susanne	<b>Bredesjo Budge</b>	Ölands Kommunalförbund	Öland	B7 Board
15	Susanne	<b>Andersson</b>	Head of Section	Åland	B7 Board
16	Martina	<b>Schwinkendorf</b>	WG People to People	Rügen	WG PTP
17	Karen Lynn	<b>Jacobsen</b>	Secretariat	Bornholm	B7 Secretariat 2007
18	David	<b>Hunt</b>		Bornholm	Facilitator

Eva Nypelius: not present owing to family reasons

Martina Schwinkendorf did not attend

### §1 Minutes of Meeting: (Bornholm Chairmanship)

- Approval of minutes from Board/SC meeting on 05 June Bornholm 2007

Decision: Minutes from previous SC and Board meeting approved.

## §2 Approval of Agenda: **(Bornholm Chairmanship)**

- Approval of the agenda.

**Decision:** Agenda approved.

## §3 Bornholm Chairmanship: **(Bornholm Chairmanship)**

**Purpose of agenda item:** Update on changes, information on coming chairmanship activities and new events.

### 3.1 Status of Chairmanship programme

DH presented the Newsletter from the Chairmanship sent to SC members plus the facilitator's newsletter titled "Islands & People 2007".

Any comments to editing needs to be forwarded by email to DH. It is noted that the island populations are of 2001 as we have never managed to collect the populations sizes from every island since then!

### 3.2 Youth Conference on Bornholm 01-02 November

KLJ informed that Henrik Eybye Nielsen will be sending out a deadline within a few days for final confirmation concerning participation. Åland is the only island which has confirmed that they will not be participating.

### 3.3 Annual Conference 05-07 December

The B7 Annual Conference will take place in Allinge. The invitations will be sent out within the next 10 days.

**Decision:** Orientation accepted.

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## §4 Accounts: (facilitator)

**Purpose of agenda item:** Present status for B7 accounts

DH gave a short commentary on the accounts.

**Decision:** Commentary approved.

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## §5 Strategy Action Plan: (facilitator)

**Purpose of agenda item:** Discuss and approve the proposed action plan for 2007 and 2008

### 5.1 Action plan: The annexed action plan is divided into 2 parts:

- **Administrative actions** that need to be done during each year
- **Projects & Activities** related to the strategy themes

DH presented the action plan for the B7 Strategy and went through the projects and actions related to each theme. The purpose is to keep the outline updated.

**Decision:** Strategy Action Plan approved.

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### 5.2 **EGTC:** At the Stockholm meeting each island was asked to check the status of enacting the EGTC into the country legislation.

DH informed that each country needs to put the EGTC directive into law. B7 cannot utilise the EGTC legislation to become a legal entity before all the B7 countries have passed this into law. Each Board member has been asked to investigate far their governments expect to enact legislation.

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### 5.3 Position Papers:

- Follow up to B7 position on the Maritime Green Paper

Following discussions at the informal SC meeting, BK presented the possibility of involving the "Friendship Towns" or "Twin Towns" in B7s work with Maritime Policy. It is proposed that the B7 draft a declaration for adoption at the B7 Annual Conference. Each island will then use its network to gain letters of support for the declaration.

**Decision:** Agreed to formulate declaration for adoption at the Annual Conference and subsequently to seek support from islands networks.

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- Climate Green Paper: should the B7 develop a position paper?

JKV informed that the Board had decided that there were not enough experts to work with Climate Change.

- An integrated Maritime policy for the EU (The Blue Book)

JKV informed that the Maritime Task Force have published today their first findings from the consultation process. The Chairmanship along with Saaremaa are planning a follow up meeting in Brussels before mid November. An orientation will be sent out to Steering Committee/Board members after the meeting.

(Note after meeting: Currently there is very little in the reports for the benefit of islanders!)

- Energy/Environment/Climate Conference Bornholm – May 2008

DH informed that Bornholm is in the process of planning a Energy/Environment Conference which will be held at the end of May 2008.

### 5.4 Working with CPMR:

- CPMR are holding an Energy working group seminar "How to effectively promote sustainable energy at a regional level?" 08-09 Nov in Croatia. Does the B7 want participate in this or similar CPMR workshops where themes are important to the B7?

**Decision:** Those travelling to CPMR Annual Conference in Florence will see if there is a B7 interest in interacting with CPMR workgroups.

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- Joining the BSSSC

BSSSC has contacted B7 and asked B7 to become a member of the BSSSC with a position on the Board. There are four meetings a year. (Letter from BSSSC to be attached to minutes).

**Decision:** Agreed to accept participation and evaluate after one year.

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## §6 Saaremaa Chairmanship 2008

### 6.1 Presentation of Saaremaa Chairmanship Programme (Toomas Kasemaa)

Presentation attached. Dates for meetings are at this moment not confirmed. Saaremaa will continue working with the programme.

BK informed that BL proposed having the Brussels meeting in October in connection with Open Days. This proposal should maybe be considered when planning future programmes.

DH presented a budget draft for the Saaremaa Chairmanship

**Decision:** Orientation accepted.

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**§7** Projects under implementation:

7.1 Baltic Master Project.

TE informed about the project and the Karlskrona conference.

**Decision:** Orientation accepted.

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7.2 BEN Project: (Reet Kokovkin)

RK informed that the final conference will be in Jelgava on 24-26 October. Most partners are from Euroregions, Nordic Council of Ministers and CBSS: This is the first project where Nordic Council and CBSS have cooperated.

**Decision:** Orientation accepted.

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7.3 Energy Project

Jørgen Jespersen and Bertil Klintbom participated in the energy conference in Brussels on 9-10 October which was organised together with Islenet.

The contract for the Transplan Energy project been signed after a years work. There is a kick-off meeting on Bornholm on 15-16 October.

Bornholm, Gotland, Åland and Saaremaa are partners with Hiiumaa, Rügen and Øland as observers.

**Decision:** Orientation accepted.

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**§8** Projects under Development:

**Purpose of agenda item:** Discuss the projects resulting from the Stockholm meeting (See attached summaries)

8.1 WG PtP Youth project

Project Leader: Arne Grau-Amnér

CL gave a presentation(attached). DH proposed awarding 40.000 SEK to help Arne Grau-Emnér develop the application for the Youth project.

**Decision:** 40.000 SEK approved for the application process.

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8.2 Challenging Landscapes (Christoph Löwen)

B7 Project Leader: Christoph Löwen / Martina Schwinkendorf

CL gave a presentation of the project Information on participation in a project preparation meeting has been circulated to the Board members. Each island to send a participant

**Decision:** Each island to send a participant.

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8.3 Tourism Project (David Hunt)

B7 Project Leader: David Hunt

#### 8.4 Baltic Master 2 (Öland)

B7 Project Leader: Tommy Eliasson

TE informed about the project. There is a need of tougher regulations in the Baltic Sea Region. It will be a good start with the proposed letter of declaration. Necessary that the islands back this project up.

**Decision:** Approval given for taking part in the project.

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#### 8.5 Other project ideas presented

- Café Orientale (Hiiumaa)

RK discussed the project and presented pictures from the event.

- Small harbours (Saaremaa)
- B7 islands during the cold war (WG PtP)
- B7 days (WG PtP)
- B7 Photo exhibition (Hiiumaa)

RK informed of the importance of a follow up to the Photo Competition with an exhibition which is both portable and inexpensive. Chairmanship will work with Hiiumaa to ensure that there is an exhibition at the B7 Annual Conference

9 Any Other Business:

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#### **ANNEXES to the Minutes**

	<b>Minute Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Notes</b>
	<b>§4</b>	Accounts	
	<b>§5</b>	Updated Strategy Action Plan	
	<b>§5</b>	Letter from BSSSC	