



Minute of Quarterly Meeting held on 27th May 2015
 Location: The Hub Business Centre, Falkirk

Present:

Fen Howieson (Mandated Cambusmore) – Chairman (FH)
 Fiona Simpson (Mandated Crown Estates) (FS)
 Roy Robertson (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (RR)

Ally Dickson (Lanrick) (AD)
 George McIntosh (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (GMC)

Apologies:

Tony Cameron (Lenny) (TC)
 Scott Nisbet (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (SN)
 Craig Gardner (representing Stirling Council) (CG)

Not Present:

Jo McGarvie (Netsmen Rep) (JM)

In attendance:

Alison Baker – Clerk to the Board (AB)
 Jo Girvan – RFFT Biologist (JG)
 Scott Mason – Stirling Council Fisheries Officer (SM)

Plus 2 members of the public

The meeting opened at 6.00pm

Ref	Item	Action
1.0	Minutes of the last meeting	
1.1	The last meeting was held Wednesday 25th February 2015, minutes proposed by AB, seconded by FS	
	1.1a License to kill consultation response developed and submitted	
	1.1b Clerks update – Crown and Allan Water assessments resolved	
	1.1c GMC to write to clerk re: Avon C & R	GMC
	1.1d Lanrick smolt screen problem – JG and BC investigated – no issue to resolve	
	1.1e Main Management plan – all to read and comment before wider consultation. Closing date for comments 31st July	ALL
	Agenda items	
2.0	Governance	
2.1	All to check and review Register of Members Interest	ALL
2.2	Code of Practice (CoP) Distributed and re-signed by attendees	
2.3	Register of Complaints – None received	
2.4	Changes to Board – AB has been appointed as Clerk to the Board. AB resigns as coopted angling representative. Resignation accepted by FH. It was agreed that the Clerk would advertise for new co-opted anglers Rep.	AB
3.0	Chairman's update	
3.1	The appointment of AB as Clerk to the Board is viewed as a very positive development. AD supports this appointment as a very welcome move.	
4.0	Clerks update	
4.1	Since 1 st April, most paperwork has been received. Managed Estates have sent out all the assessments. Only two assessment queries have come in	
4.2	AB has used catch stats from the Forth District to use to review conservation plan for next year. Leven flagged as potentially difficult (Crown Estates fishing) but are in compliance with Board recommendations regarding number of fish killed. AB to liaise with Leven anglers to tighten up Conservation Limits	AB
4.3	Economic benefits survey – AB to distribute link to this	AB
4.4	Maps of beats, and contact information is now being put onto GIS	
4.5	New vehicle expected later this week. Skoda Yeti with tracker and journey recording sheet	
4.6	AD had previously requested license application to shoot piscivorous ducks. AB researched and discovered cost for license to shoot would be £1,400. AD withdrew request.	
5.0	Trust update	

- 5.1 The Trust have moved offices and now Trust and Board share the same address.
- 5.2 The Trust have three new employees – Laurence Belleni (Allan Water Improvement Project Officer), Sylvian Barry (Trust assistant) and Ryan Greenwood (Trossachs Water Vole Project Officer, seconded to Forestry Commission)
- 5.3 The District management plan has been issued for comments. 6 subcatchment plans are in draft to be re-formatted to integrate with District plan. 3 more due this year
- 5.4 Board appraised of main projects plus projects in development. Trust sought £5,000 Board contribution for Fankerton fish counter with JG presentation. FH proposed donation, and those present agreed unanimously to fund.
- 5.5 Consultations completed by Trust – RBMP2 and License to Kill – both submitted, Wild Fisheries Review still to complete by both Board and Trust – due on 7th August.
- 5.6 FH commented that the amount of work being completed by the Trust as being excellent and as being good value for money for the Board. The donation of £60,000 was agreed.

6.0 Wild Fisheries Reform

6.1 The Wild Fisheries Reform consultation was discussed. AB proposed that Board and Trust respond separately, taking their different views.

6.2 Deadline for WFR consultation responses is 7th August

FH requested further information on how proprietors and others could be consulted with as part of the submission. AB/FH to review options of providing information across the district and obtaining feedback. AB/FH to take forward. EGM of the Board to be convened in July if required to discuss the response. FS stated that the Board needed to provide factual information without leading.

6.3 FH and AB produce proposal for Board with plan for consulting

FH/AB

7.0 Date of next meeting

7.1 Date of the next quarterly meeting would be 23rd September (a change from the agreed schedule)
Date of next public meeting and annual general meeting 25th November

8.0

8.1 AOB

8.2 AD queried why Joe McGarvie was not on the Register of Interests. AB stated this was because he has not attended meetings

8.3 SM stated that he may not be at next meeting if his contract at Stirling Council is not renewed

8.4 AB requested information on who were bank signatories. AD and FH are signatories with RR to become an official signatory

9.0 AOB open to the floor

9.1 Harry Millar (River Avon Federation) (HM) - Can angling clubs see the Register of Interests? AB yes if put request to clerk

9.2 HM - Can RAF view District Management Plan? AB – yes this can be made available on request to the clerk.

9.3 HM- there is an increase in use of volunteers, is there a strategic process? AB yes there is an ongoing strategy being developed with the Trust.

9.4 HM - is any data being collected for discussions of shooting with SNH? AB no not as yet. AB we have tried to get people counting, but unsuccessfully thus far

9.5 Alan Ayre (Grayling Society) (AA) - SAPA conducted cormorant count survey but struggled to get volunteers to do it

9.6 HM – Was there to be a review of the FMP for the Avon, AB yes and suggested that JG and HM to meet to discuss.

9.7 HM – had there been any review of 2009 plan success? AB explained that its format meant it was difficult to reference against hence new format to build in success monitoring and communications planning

9.8 HM - can Trusts response to RBMP2 consultation be viewed? AB yes, on request

9.9 SM - discussed bailiffs uniforms, PPE and stab proof vests. AB - review of bailiffing ongoing and this will be considered

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

This meeting was followed by a closed session of the Meeting.

