

Minute of Quarterly Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017  
 Location: Dunblane Cathedral Halls, Dunblane

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| <b>Present:</b>  | <b>Apologies:</b>                            |
| Fen Howieson (Mandated Cambusmore) – Chairman (FH)   |  |
| Tony Cameron (Leny) (TC)   | Scott Mason (Mandated Stirling Council) (CG) |
| John Mckenzie (Mandated Allan Water Angling Improvement Association) JM  | Aly Dickson (Lanrick) (AD)                   |
| Bob Baird (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (BB)  | Fiona Simpson (Mandated Crown Estates) (FS)  |
| Chris Thomas (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (CT)   |  |
| Jason Walls (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (JW)  | <b>Not Present:</b>                          |
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| <b>In attendance:</b><br>Alison Baker – Clerk to the Board(AB)<br>Lee Fisher – Forth District Salmon Fishery Board Superintendent (LF)<br>Jonathan Louis (JL) – River Forth Fisheries Trust<br>Lawrence Belleni (LB) – River Forth Fisheries Trust<br>Sylvian Barry (SB) – River Forth Fisheries Trust<br>David Summers (DS) – Tay District Salmon Fishery Board | One member of the public                     |

The meeting opened at 6.30pm – **open meeting**

| Ref        | Item   | Action |
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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Apologies for absence</b>   |        |
|            | Apologies were received from SM, FS and AD   |        |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b>   |        |
| 2.1        | The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> February were agreed to be a true record of that meeting. Proposed by JM, seconded by TC.   |        |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Matters arising:</b>  |        |
| 3.1        | 1.0 – AB noted the action regarding attendance register in the annual report and will action. <i>Actioned.</i>   |        |
| 3.2        | 3.1 - Forth Valley College Rooms are not suitable for public meetings. There are options in Dunblane, Falkirk and other parts of the District. Consideration is required however for AMQP venue  |        |
| 3.3        | 4.8 – Invoices have been issued by Managed Estates. <i>Actioned.</i>   |        |
| 3.4        | 10.1 – Public meeting actioned.  |        |
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| <b>5.0</b> | <b>Reports</b>   |        |
| 5.1        | The Clerks Report was discussed – no actions noted.  |        |
| 5.2        | The Teith Bird Counts and Walkovers – The first bird count was undertaken in April – 44 volunteers turned up. A walkover of the Teith is being undertaken (funded by RFFT) and a further count to take place in September which will be advertised. The FDSFB cannot undertake this work without volunteers and it was disappointing that a number of fisheries did not take part especially as it was anglers from these fisheries who had been so vocal at the AMQP in November. Volunteers from outwith the Teith system had to be brought into cover these areas. Thanks to volunteers from the Avon particularly. |        |

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| 5.3         | Lanrick Weir fish pass counter report. The findings of the report was discussed. It was greed that options using new technologies would be reviewed when available.  |           |
| 5.4         | Redd Count Report was discussed. A technical summary will be produced for the website.   |           |
| 5.5         | Wild Fisheries Reform Lite – The changes likely to the reform process were discussed. It is anticipated that there will still be legislation and management structure changes to DSFBs even though the establishment of the FMOs has been abandoned. Scottish Government have aspirations but without funding attached to these the Forth DSFB needs to remain vigilant on some of the changes being brought in through the back door and increasing the resource issue of the organization. |           |
| <b>6.0</b>  | <b>Financial update</b>  |           |
| 6.1         | The Clerk tabled information relating to the accounts for 2016-17. These were still subject to audit. The figures indicate a small loss on the year.   |           |
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| <b>10.0</b> | <b>Date of next meeting</b>  |           |
| 10.1        | The date of the next meeting is 22 <sup>nd</sup> August and would be a standard quarterly meeting – venue to be confirmed.   | <b>AB</b> |
| <b>11.0</b> | <b>AOCB</b>  |           |
| 11.1        | No other business was discussed.   |           |

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

8pm – public meeting

The Chairman welcomed Dr David Summers , the Director of the Tay DSFB. Dr Summers gave an amusing and informative talk on the work the TayDSFB has undertaken to Re-water the River Garry.

The talk was followed by a lively discussion.

The Chairman thanked Dr Summers for his time and hoped that the work was an inspiration to the Board members and staff in attendance!

The meeting closed at 9.30pm