

# Nith Catchment Fishery Trust

## Annual General Meeting 2016 No. 6

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*7.00pm Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016*

*Hollywood Village Hall, Hollywood*

### **1. Trust members present**

Percy Weatherall – NCFT Chairman  
Jim Henderson – Director  
Peter Hutchison – Director  
David Kempself - Director  
Brian Lord – Director  
Gordon McGregor  
David McMichael  
Robbie Cowan  
Christine Carson  
Raymond Mundle  
Stewart Cameron

### **In attendance**

Debbie Parke – Operations Manager/Biologist  
Roger Smith  
Lucie Stewart - SEPA

### **Apologies**

Thomas Florey – Director, Andrew Wood – Director, Robert Schiller - Director, Andrew Hunter Arundel, Robert Perrett, Jim McKie, Brian Fox, Beauchamp Blackett, Simon Duffin, Maggie Gordon, Simon Kelly, Sophy Weatherall, Sir Chips Keswick.

The Chairman, Percy Weatherall welcomed everyone to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Nith Catchment Fishery Trust.

### **2. Minutes of previous AGM**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 were approved as a true and accurate account.

### **3. Matters Arising**

No matters arising from the minutes of the last AGM.

### **4. Trust Update**

The Chairman stated that the Nith Catchment Fishery Trust had a very successful year during 2015 and referred to the Annual report that had been distributed amongst all of the members and published online. Debbie Parke presented an update of the work of the Trust which included a roundup of the Fishing for the Future project and a brief overview of the sessions delivered; the continued work carried out to control invasive non-native species in the Nith catchment, highlighting the New Abbey Burn; a summary of the catch data received for the 2015 salmon and sea trout season; a comparison of electrofishing data collected at

annual survey sites; the grayling fishing event run by the Trust and invertebrate survey results. Plans for developing a Youth Angling Club during 2016 were discussed and the dependence on funding.

Gordon McGregor enquired if the Trust had ever compared the current juvenile electrofishing data with the survey data commissioned in 1991. Debbie replied that we had and that barring the usual fluctuations that you would expect to see there was no significant difference between the results.

## **5. Accounts**

The Chairman presented the summary accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 to 31<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to the members present. The Chairman requested that the accounts were adopted, there being no questions. The accounts were unanimously agreed.

## **6. Election of Directors**

The following committee members were standing down or had resigned during 2015: Jim McKie, Andrew Wood and Robert Schiller. The Chairman thanked all standing down for the support and assistance they had provided the Trust of the last few years. Raymond Mundle had been co-opted by the Directors during 2015 and would stand down as required by the constitution but wished to be considered for re-election. Nominations for Directors had been received from Raymond Mundle, Christine Carson and Stewart Cameron. The Chair asked for members to nominate and second the nominees. Jim Henderson nominated Raymond Mundle, seconded by Gordon McGregor; Raymond Mundle nominated Christine Carson, seconded by David Kempell; Stewart Cameron nominated by Peter Hutchinson and seconded by David Kempell.

The Trust Directors for 2016 are:

Percy Weatherall - Chairman  
Stewart Cameron  
Christine Carson  
Thomas Florey  
Peter Hutchison  
Jim Henderson  
David Kempell  
Brian Lord  
Raymond Mundle

## **7. Written Questions**

No written questions had been received.

## **8. Any Other Competent Business**

Gordon McGregor enquired about the funding that had been announced by Scottish Government to assist angling clubs with any losses made because of WFR. Jim Henderson responded that he had just assisted DGAA with an application and that it was worth all of the angling associations applying. Roger Smith stated that it would be interesting to monitor any loss of anglers from angling association. DGAA will be measuring the membership and reporting to Scottish Government.

The Chair thanked everyone for his or her hard work and closed the meeting.

Signed by Chair: