

Nith Catchment Fishery Trust

Meeting No. 21

6pm Wednesday 11th June 2014

NCFT office, Auldgirth

Present

Percy Weatherall - Chairman
Jim Henderson
Andrew Wood
Thomas Florey
Peter Hutchison
Robert Schiller
David Kempzell

In Attendance

Debbie Parke – Operations Manager

1. Apologies

Robert Schiller
Jim McKie
David Kempzell

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of both the AGM and the previous Directors meeting were taken as true and accurate. AW proposed the minutes and PH seconded.

3. Matters Arising

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed.

Action points	Action by	Action completed
Event Sub-Committee to meet to plan event	AW, TCF and JH	
Speaker to be agreed by 24 th April	Sub-committee	
Sponsors sought	All Directors	
Email AW with details of seats provisionally sold	All Directors	

4. Progress updates

Wild Fisheries Review

DP briefed the meeting on the progress made so far by the Wild Fisheries Review policy. Copies of the latest Monthly bulletin were issued and the potential options being suggested were discussed. We are being represented by the ASFB and RAFTS and we are feeding into the responses being put forward by these organisations. It is likely that there will be a centralised body headed by a fisheries zarr that would feed into 20 local fisheries organisations throughout Scotland. The centralised body would be able to make strategic decisions and co-ordinate national and international policies. It was agreed that there was not much more that we could be doing as RAFTS and ASFB are putting across a strong voice. JH has been feeding to the process via ASFB Executive Committee.

There was concern that the Wild Fisheries Review is part of the Land Reform and is part of a political move and it was raised that the WF Review is an SNP manifesto commitment. The politics behind the review was briefly discussed. It was suggested that cross party support was required and that the NCFT should lobby local MSP's. It was agreed that an information pack should be put together highlighting the work of the Trust and provide information regarding fisheries management. Two sides of A4 to be distributed to local MSP's, local organisations, etc.

Project updates

PH enquired what the Boards policy on micro hydro is? Generally the Board is not in favour of hydro scheme but every scheme is looked at on a case by case basis. In some cases further surveying will be required and mitigation put in place but in others no survey is required, occasionally there have been ones that are a definite no.

5. Charity event

AW updated the meeting about the progress made organising the charity dinner. The main speaker Michael Redmond, has been agreed. The draft agenda was discussed. TCF to speak to Wallets Mart. Sponsor still to be found. Letters to be sent out to members and other stakeholders.

£200 deposit to be paid to Easterbrook Hall.

6. New constitution

The Directors signed copies of the amended constitution to be sent to Companies House and OSCR.

7. A.O.B

Meeting closed 19:35

Actions resulting from Trust Meeting No. 21

Action points	Action by	Action completed
WFM Information pack to be compiled – 2 sides of A4	TCF, PH, AW, JH, EPK	
Pay Easterbrook deposit	DP	
Provide DP with names and address to send information out to.	All directors	

Send out letters regarding event	DP	
Put together flyer for event	DP	

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