

Nith Catchment Fishery Trust

Meeting No. 28

6pm, 14th March 2016

Hollywood Village Hall, Hollywood

Present

Percy Weatherall – Chairman
Jim Henderson
David Kempself
Peter Hutchison
Brian Lord

In Attendance

Debbie Parke

1. Apologies

Thomas Florey
Andrew Woods
Robert Schiller

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous Directors meeting were taken as true and accurate.

3. Matters Arising

The Whitesands Flood Plan was raised and Jim Henderson updated the Directors on the meetings that he had attended with the Council employees dealing with plan and that he had raised the issue of a compensation scheme for removal of flood banks along the length of the river Nith.

4. Wild Fisheries Reform

Jim updated the Directors on the progress with the WFR. He had attended the launch of the draft bill at Pitlochry and given a presentation. The Category 3 classification has been confirmed for the Nith which means that it will be 100% catch and release for salmon during the 2016 season for rod and line and nets men. The stake nets will not be allowed to fish for salmon for a period of three years. This has caused a lot of unrest on the river. The methodology of assessing these grades for rivers was discussed, particularly the requirement for angling effort and the use of electrofishing data. The details of the WFR draft bill were discussed including geographic areas. This is still unknown at this point in time.

The question of the Annan Haaf Nets being allowed to take salmon for scientific research was raised and Jim Henderson stated that he has put a request to Scottish Government to clarify the situation as no details are currently known. It was generally felt that this was causing confusion.

5. AGM and Director elections

The proposed content of the upcoming AGM was discussed along with the nominations received for Directorships.

6. A.O.B

No items were raised.

Actions resulting from Trust Meeting No. 28

Action points	Action by	Action completed

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EPK Weatherall, Chair