

**MINUTES OF THE TRIENNIAL MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS AND OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE URR DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD held in the Market Inn, Queen Street, Castle Douglas on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.00pm.**

Present: In the Chair: R.J Bellamy

Attendees: W. Levi-Marshall

J Ribbens

Clerk: W.G.N Gourlay

**A. Meeting of the Qualified Proprietors**

The meeting as a result of UK Government advice that day was not quorate, but there was little likelihood for restrictions arising from the Coronavirus epidemic being raised within the time limits in which the meeting should have been held. No nominations for membership of the Board had been received since issue of Notice of the Meeting. Reference was made to Minute 11 of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Those present resolved that the Board should now comprise :-

R. J Bellamy (representing Martin Emkes)

K. Irving (representing C.D.D.A.A)

W Levi-Marshall (representing D.A.A)

D.J Biggar

M. Law (representing Auchendolly Estate)

A. Ferguson

A. Graham

W.G.N Gourlay

The Clerk is to seek confirmation from Mr Graham that he is prepared to continue.

**B. Annual Public Meeting**

1. Present: As above

2. Apologies: Apologies had been tendered by D.J Biggar, K. Irving, M Law and R. Smith.

### 3. Appointment of Office Bearers:

Chairman: R.J Bellamy  
Vice-Chairman: W. Levi-Marshall  
Clerk: W.G.N Gourlay

### 4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Those present had previously seen the draft Minutes. They were approved.

### 5. Matters Arising.

To note that Buittle Reservoir is now filled, stocked and producing fish.

### 6. Chairmans Report.

The Chairman tabled his report a copy of which is attached to these Minutes. He reported further that he had attended a Glenkens Trust drop in session in Parton which had clarified to an extent the route to obtain Blackcraig Wind Farm funding. Any application will have to be made in conjunction with a Community Council so GFT on behalf of UDSFB should work with Corsock Community Council looking at habitat enhancement of public as well as piscatorial benefit.

### 7. Accounts for the Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The accounts which had been presented to the Board on 10<sup>th</sup> February were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 8. 2020 Levy

In accordance with the recommendation of the Board the levy for 2020 was fixed at 46p in the pound.

### 9. A.O.C.B

The next meeting of the Board was fixed for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.00pm in the Market Inn, Castle Douglas.

## 10. Discussion

Conversation centred on the mysteries of the smolt, in particular the differences in growth rates and maturity. Nutrition is as vital as habitat combined with density. Arising from the Pressures Mapping it is time to move on and look at possible work in the upper River, for example the Crogo Mill dam.

11. The 2021 AGM was fixed for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at 7.00pm at the Market Inn, Castle Douglas.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm.