

Minute of Quarterly Meeting held on 14 August 2018

Location: Dunblane Cathedral Halls

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| <b>Present:</b>                                                                   | <b>Apologies:</b>                            |
| John McKenzie (Mandated Allan Water Angling Improvement Association) (JM) – Chair | Craig Somerville (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (CS) |
| Tony Cameron (Leny) (TC)                                                          | Aly Dickson (Lanrick) (AD)                   |
| Fiona Simpson (Mandated Crown Estates) (FS)                                       | Bob Baird (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (BB)        |
| Peter Yates (Mandated Cambusmore) (PY)                                            |                                              |
| Chris Thomas (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (CT)                                          | <b>Not Present:</b>                          |
|                                                                                   | Scott Mason (Mandated Stirling Council) (SM) |
| <b>In attendance:</b>                                                             | Jason Walls (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (JW)      |
| Alison Baker – Clerk to the Board (AB)                                            |                                              |

The meeting opened at 6.00pm – **open meeting**

| Ref        | Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Action    |
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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Apologies for absence</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |           |
|            | Apologies were received from BB, CS and AD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |           |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |           |
| 3.1        | The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 were agreed to be a true record of that meeting. Proposed by TC, seconded by FS.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |           |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Matters arising:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |           |
| 4.1        | 4.2 – Seal Management – a meeting was being arranged with Roger Knight of the Spey Board although this had had to be re-arranged. AB/Superintendent to organize a new date. <i>Update: new date agreed 30 August.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |           |
| 4.2        | 4.3 – Opening day event for the Board proprietors. AB to discuss with Aly Dickson at Lanrick. <i>Agreed in principle AB to follow up.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>AB</b> |
| 4.3        | 6.2 - The Clerk tabled an email sent by Jamie Muir (Blair Drummond) disputing the assessment. AB agreed to have a meeting with Jamie to discuss options to resolve. <i>A meeting had been held. AB confirmed that JM was appealing the notice but had agreed to pay the same amount as previously. To be monitored.</i>                                                                                                                                                | <b>AB</b> |
| <b>5.0</b> | <b>Governance</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |           |
| 5.1        | HM and CT updated the registers of compliance and interest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |           |
| 5.2        | All members in attendance confirmed that they continued to abide by the Code of Practice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |           |
| 5.3        | AB confirmed that Fisheries management Scotland had recently reissued the compliance checklist and she confirmed that the DSFB was complying with this – the only point of improvement could be that minutes were put on the website sooner. AB to action.                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>AB</b> |
| <b>6.0</b> | <b>Financial Reporting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |           |
| 6.1        | The accounts have been received from the accountants and were being checked and finalized in conjunction with input from managed Estates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |           |
| 6.2        | AB confirmed that she would present a report on the outstanding debtors at the next meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>AB</b> |
| 6.3        | AB confirmed that the valuation had now confirmed that the coastal nets would be valued at zero and that she had asked Scottish Government to consider compensating the DSFB. She has been unsuccessful in this 'ask' however SG were not unsympathetic to the situation and would continue dialogue in respect of further funding available. She confirmed this decision was not a surprise and this loss of income had been factored into the poundage calculations. |           |
| <b>7.0</b> | <b>Reports</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |           |
| 7.1        | The Superintendents report was discussed. No actions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |           |
| 7.2        | The Clerks report was discussed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |           |

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| 7.2.1      | The Clerk was authorized to further discussions with Marr and Kellie Estates regarding transfer of fishing rights to the DSFB.                                                                                                                                                                                             | AB       |
| 7.2.2      | After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would submit an application in relation to the management of the Crown Estates Fishings as part of the ongoing pilot schemes. Should the application be success further agreement on moving to stage 2 to be brought back to the board for further discussion and agreement. | AB       |
| 7.3        | The FRT update report was discussed. No actions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |          |
| 7.4        | The Advice note on bailiffs' contracts was discussed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | AB/JL/LF |
| 7.4.1      | It was agreed that this provided a greater confidence that risks of appointing bailiffs particularly volunteers by the Board were mitigated. The Clerk to work with the bailiff team to develop this into a bespoke contract for the Forth DSFB.                                                                           |          |
| 7.5        | The Feedback from the Public 'meeting;' held in May was discussed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |          |
| 7.5.1      | It was agreed that this less formal format provided a more positive arena for members of the public and interested parties to obtain information and provide feedback.                                                                                                                                                     |          |
| 7.5.2      | The Clerk to obtain more formal clarification from Scottish Government that this format fulfills the requirements of the Act.                                                                                                                                                                                              |          |
| 7.5.3      | The Forum allowed other interested parties to engage better including angling clubs and proprietors which was seen as a benefit                                                                                                                                                                                            |          |
| 7.5.4      | It was agreed it should be held on a different day to the Board meeting but in the summer ideally June. The location at the New FRT Centre at Cambusmore was considered a good location. The Clerk to ask FRT if the venue can be used for 2019.                                                                           |          |
| <b>8.0</b> | <b>AOCB</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |          |
| 8.1        | The board discussed the sad loss of Tom McKenzie ex-Clerk and staunch supporter of the DSFB and salmon fishing in the District and expressed their condolences to JM and his family.                                                                                                                                       |          |
| <b>9.0</b> | <b>Date of the next meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |          |
| 9.1        | The date of the next meeting is 13th November 2018 – venue to be confirmed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | AB       |

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Distribution:

All Board Members and attendees