

Meeting held on Tuesday 23 May 2023

Venue: Dunblane Cathedral Halls

Minutes



6.30 pm – Quarterly Meeting

The following papers were made available on the FDSFB portal prior to the meeting

(<https://forthrivertrust.sharepoint.com/sites/ForthDSFBBoardMemberPortal>):

- Enforcement Report
- Operations Managers Report
- Fishing Around the Forth Report
- Crown Estate Pilot Project Report
- Science Report

Present

GO - Graham Owens	LF – Lee Fisher
JM – Jamie Muir	AB – Alison Baker
JMc – John McKenzie (Chairman)	
FS – Fiona Simpson	CS – Craig Somerville
PY – Peter Yates	TC – Tony Cameron
GO - Graham Owens	SJ- Steve Jones
CT- Chris Thomas	

Apologies

Ali Dickson, Dorothy Reid

Item	Meeting starts 18:30
1.0	Welcome and introductions:
	1.1 Apologies for absence
	Ali Dickson and Dorothy Reid are unable to attend
	JMcK welcomed the new Clerk, Jamie Skinner, who joined FDSFB on 9 May who then briefly presented his professional background in international water management, particularly at catchment level and through planning of large dams. He is also a keen angler. Board members introduced themselves.
2.0	Actions from the minutes of the previous meeting – 22nd February 2023
3.0	Governance
	3.1 Review of Code of Practice Compliance register and any updates
	3.2 Review of Register of Interests completion request - https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CHN7WVY
	JMcK reminded Board members to complete the register of interests if not already done
4.0	Annual report 2022
	The finalisation of the report is awaiting the catch data from Marine Scotland. This should be available shortly and the report will then be sent out to proprietors by email. TC asked whether it should also be printed which prompted a short exchange around the possible print run and the considerable expense involved. JMcK confirmed that a draft would be sent out to the Board for comment prior to dissemination.
5.0	FDSFB FRT – overview of relationship
	The Clerk presented an overview of FDSFB/FRT relationships, with members commenting on each major issue identified. Issues raised included : • The need to take stock of Fishing around the Forth after several years of operation.

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	• Within the FDSFB/FRT partnership it is important to be able to “agree to disagree” and to maintain professional and respectful relations at all times. • Need to be clear on the presentation of the partnership (perceptions by external actors) • The FDSFB (statutory body) and the FRT (charity) have different ways of working, even if the issues they address are the same • The budget is in deficit and may need to be looked at again. • There may be a need for more formal communications between the Chairmen of the two boards Members requested that a pdf of the presentation be shared following the meeting.
6.0	Next steps for 2040 Vision
	The 2040 vision should flesh out what the Board can do to deliver its mission. It should be accompanied by a strategy. Members raised the following : • any targets should be practical and attainable and able to be monitored (indicators of success) • FDSFB should support the FRT in its catchment objectives but FDSFB will support them on specific issues (eg barrier removal) • The Fishery Management Plan process creates an important framework, along with the Salmon Strategy. Linkages also to the river status and classification process and Marine Scotland pressure mapping.
7.0	AOCB PY asked why Mike Buchanan has received an assessor’s rating for the Keltie Burn, which has no fish and has not been included in the past. JMcK confirmed that all assessments were the responsibility of the Assessors, who should be contacted directly on this issue, and that all valuation notices had been sent out for 2023.
8.0	Date of next meetings
	Quarterly, AMQP and Public Meeting (3pm five hours)