

MINUTES OF FDSFB MEETING

18th November 2025

Dunblane Cathedral Halls, Helen Lamb room

6.30pm – 8.30pm

Attendees
Aly Dickson (Chair) (Lanrick Estate)
Jamie Muir (Blair Drummond)
Graham Owens, Independent Anglers Rep
David Shreter, Doune Angling Club
Peter Yates (Mandated by Cambusmore Estate)
Dot Reid (Stirling Council Non-Elected Representative) online
Rory McLeod, (Mandated by Doune Estates) online
Alison Baker (Mandated by Drumardoch Estate)
Will Muir, Ochertyre Beat
Scott Graham (Stirling Fisheries)
Apologies
Fiona Simpson (Mandated by Crown Estates Scotland)
Jordan Patterson (Mandated by Allan Water Angling Association (Lower))
Guests
Mike Buchanan Cambusmore Estate - presenting
Colin Bull Stirling University - presenting
Amy Fergusson FRT

1	Welcome If anyone doesn't have access to the Board members portal, let me (Jo) know.
2	Dr Colin Bull presentation Colin (Stirling University) will give a short presentation on a research proposal (smolt to adult supplementation that interacts and expands on Dr Matt Newtons Salmon Tracking project (for more details, see attached papers). A vote was taken whether to support Colin's Smolt to Adult Supplementation research project. 8 in favour AD, JM, GO, DS, PY, RM, WM, SG, and 2 abstentions – DR, AB. A vote was taken whether to support Matt Newtons Salmon Tracking project. 9 in favour AD, JM, GO, DS, PY, AB, RM, WM, SG, and one abstention – DR. The Ayes have it for both projects. Action: JG to let Colin and Matt know. Done
3	Governance

	❖ New members confirmation – none, but Jamie Wallace has been mandated by AWAIA (upper) and will need confirmed at the next meeting. ❖ H&S - none ❖ Conflict of interests – DR mentioned a conflict of interest as she is mandated by Stirling Council. She volunteered to recuse herself from agenda item 5. ❖ Financial declarations – Action: JG to circulate after the meeting. Done
4	Marine Fund Scotland awards
	Summary of the two awards from the Marine Fund Scotland. Fishing around The Forth website rebuild (£83,200). Bailiffing Equipment for coordinated working between Forth, Lomond and Clyde (£49,494) • The official award letters were just received on the 7th November and need signed. Action: AD and JG. Signed 18/11/25 and sent 19/11/25 Done. • Cash flow projections – can we bankroll the two projects at once. Yes The Board is content that the two projects can be bank rolled simultaneously. The Fishing Around the Forth website rebuild will be project managed by Craig Somerville at Wildigital and the website rebuild will be carried out by Geoff Todd at Farsight Solutions.
5	Stirling Council Rebate
	Summary of FMS issued advise from Counsel, and discussion about payment. DR recused herself from these discussions. The Board agreed not to contest the rebate or seek any further legal advice. Action: JG to update Stirling Council. Done
6	Approach regarding Venachar Dam 7.30pm
	Mike Buchanan will give a presentation regarding the issues impacting fish passage and dam operations at Venachar. Following this presentation, it is hoped that the Board will agree on an approach to SW. Mike outlined the problems with Venachar pertaining to fish passage and flows. Action: JG to seek meeting with John McKechnie (possible attendees Mike and Amy) of SEPA to explain the Boards position. Any others keen to be involved? Done
7	AOB
	None
	Suggested dates of 2026 Meetings 24th February 2026 19th May 2026 18th August 2026 17th November 2026

Jo Girvan
Clerk
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