

Unapproved extracts from Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen & District Angling Association held at the Bothy, Riverside Drive, Aberdeen on Monday 4 October 2021 at 7.30pm

Present:

P Adderton, K Riddell, P Toseland, J Stephen, N Taylor, C Deboth, D Knowles, G Clark, B Smart, M Hart, L Baxter, R McHattie, A H Hume MBE

1. Chairman's welcome

Chairman's welcome: Paul A thanked David Knowles again for ensuring the bothy complied with current Scottish Government Covid-19 guidelines. He also advised, as he did at the last meeting, that he planned to call a short adjournment during the meeting for those present to go outside if they wished to. He also advised again that should anyone present felt uncomfortable with the arrangements during the meeting they should leave accordingly.

2. Apologies:

S Horne, Matt Mulcahy

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2021 was approved.

4. Matters Arising

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
Robert Dey Memorial	Paul A has discussed this with the family. They are happy with a memorial plaque to be erected on the gate of Bridgefoot car park, Ardlethen.	Paul A
Past Presidents Plaques	It was agreed to progress these, one in the bothy, the other at a bench near the bothy.	Paul A

6. Website Update

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
ADAA Website	Matt gave an update on the number of page hits, popular pages, & so on. Matt also gave an update on the proposed member's benefits page. He will provide a copy of the contacts he has made so far to Paul T.	Matt/ Kenny

7. Outstanding Business

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
A. Millpond	Millpond dredging. Stewart provided an update by email on 2 October. It is unlikely works will be done now until 2022.	Stewart
	Millpond Jetties repairs. Kenny & Richard undertook to progress this.	Kenny/ Richard
C Parkhill Lake Clearance	<p>Paul A reported he has made arrangements for all remaining oil casing & styles to be uplifted & sold as scrap.</p> <p>There was some confusion as there was a previous Committee decision that 2 of these styles were to be used at the two new fences erected near the AWPR bridge Upper Parkhill, South Bank.</p> <p>After discussion George clarified the owner had no objections to these being erected close to the water's edge for anglers, & that there was in fact a stock of styles held at Ardlethen & it would be 2 of these that Nicky will arrange to erect at said location.</p>	<p>Paul A</p> <p>Nicky.</p>
H Bothy land Lease/Purchase	George reported that the Council Official he has been in contact with has verbally advised that it is highly unlikely the Council will agree to sell & that a long- term lease will more than likely be offered nearer the time the current lease ends on 28 November 2022.	George/ Paul A
K 75 Year Celebrations	<p>Paul A has still to hear from the Lord Provost. He will send another letter.</p> <p>Paul A, Kenny, & Matt undertook to meet separately to progress the arrangements.</p>	Paul A, Kenny, Matt

8. River Don Fishery AGM Report Back

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
River Don Fishery AGM Report Back	John gave a verbal report of items discussed, including finances, removal of obstructions, policing, predators, smolt tracking, & catch returns.	

9. River Dee Fishery AGM

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River Dee Fishery AGM Report Back	Alastair gave a verbal report of items discussed. He also reported his concerns about a lack of representation on the Board from proprietors of the Lower Dee. He & Paul A have a meeting scheduled this week with the chairman of the Dee Salmon Fishing Improvement Association to discuss this & other items.	Alastair/ Paul A

11. Correspondence

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
Book recommended by John Walker	It was agreed to post this as a news item on the website.	Matt
Sighting of Seals reporting arrangements	It was agreed to post a reminder of these on FB.	Matt

12. AOCB

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
Landrover clean up	It was agreed Benny & Matt organise this.	Benny/ Matt
AGM Arrangements-Booking a venue	It was agreed Paul initially contact the University of Aberdeen.	
AGM Arrangements-Annual Newsletter	It was agreed that Paul contact Craig Fleming to see if he was willing to carry out the editor role again. If not, John agreed to do it.	Paul T/ John
Review of Maintenance Arrangements, including signage & beat markers.	It was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting. Richard advised he was willing to lead this.	Richard

Date of next meeting: 1 or 8 November 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Acting President for chairing the meeting.