

MINUTES

Of the Annual Meeting of Proprietors

And the Annual Public Meeting of the River Cree District Salmon Fishery Board

Held at The Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart

On Wednesday 6th<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 5.30 pm

Present

(A) Board Members/Mandatories

Terence Flanagan - in the Chair

Murdo Crosbie

Jim Davidson

Gene Fryatt

Jamie Hyslop

Steve Smith

(B) Attendees

Matthew Pumphrey (Clerk)

Jamie Ribbens (GFT)

Apologies for Absence

Jock Galloway and Billy McHarg

### (1) Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman considered that the meeting was quorate for the Annual Public Meeting and, accordingly both meetings should proceed.

### (2) Annual Meeting of Proprietors: Consideration of the Annual Report and Accounts

The agenda for both meetings had been posted on the Board's website and was taken as read.

#### (a) Annual Report

The Chairman had circulated a written report. It was divided into four parts together with appendices by GFT and RCHHT. In Part One, he observed that the Cree Board was the only Board in Galloway that complied with the procedures imposed by the legislation as regards publishing minutes and so forth. He thanked Steve Smith for maintaining the website.

The Chairman thanked Murdo Crosbie and Jamie Hyslop for their assistance with fish-eating birds.

The Chairman was pleased to be able to announce that Murdo Crosbie had agreed to continue to be a bailiff, notwithstanding his previous wish to resign, but regretted that no-one else was prepared to be a water bailiff despite attempts to find other potential bailiffs.

The Chairman expressed the hope that the Board would be made non-statutory consultees for the proposed Claghrie Wind Farm.

Turning to PART FOUR the Chairman said that the provisional rod catch figures for 2019 were encouraging. Murdo Crosbie confirmed that the figure for the year was likely to be somewhere between 340 and 350 salmon and grilse, a considerable increase on the previous season.

On the subject of the Conservation Code, Murdo Crosbie said that this was being flouted to the detriment of the credibility of the Code. As a bailiff, he had no powers to apprehend or prosecute anglers who were ignoring the Code. It was proposed that anglers fishing with the permission of the relevant proprietor should be provided by the proprietor with a written copy of the code and should be asked to have it on them while angling. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to all proprietors to this effect.

#### (b)GFT Appendix

Jamie Ribbens spoke to this appendix and answered some questions during his presentation, and after it.

(c) RCHHT Appendix

Murdo Crosbie spoke to this appendix. He explained that the photographs midway through the report were of the Minnoch. On the subject of the final School visits, he said that, despite the relative low level of catch per pupil, the children seemed to have enjoyed their day and had appreciated that patience was required. Mr Crosbie answered some questions during his presentation, and after it.

There were no amendments proposed to the Annual Report which was accordingly approved.

(d) Accounts

Copies of the Audited Accounts to the 31st March 2019 had been circulated. In the absence of the Treasurer for reasons mentioned below, the Chairman spoke briefly to the audited Accounts, which were approved.

(3) Annual Public Meeting

There were no members of the public present.

The Annual Report and Accounts were considered.

As regards the Accounts, the Chairman said that he had received notice on Monday (Nov 4) that Billy McHarg would step down as Treasurer and that there would be no further input from AB & A Matthews as from this AGM. The Chairman suggested that the Clerk should take on the role of Treasurer. This was unanimously approved. The Clerk indicated he would be prepared to take this on at the previous remuneration of £600 per year. He was thanked for stepping into the breach at such short notice. The Chairman would write to Billy, thanking him for his many years of service as Treasurer.

The next Board Meeting would be on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

The meeting terminated at 6.50 pm.

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Chairman

