

Kinghorn Loch Users Group.

Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 1st December 2008 at 5.30 pm at Craigenalt Cottage

1. **Present:** Marilyn Edwards (Secretary), Margaret Kinninmonth (Treasurer), Fraser Ballantyne, Alan Henderson, Elinor Chalmers, Ron Edwards (Chairperson), Richard Neil,
Apologies - Alistair Morrison, Paul McLaren, Saul Gardiner, Tony Payne, Ronny Duncan
2. **Minutes from the previous meeting.**
The minutes were proposed by Richard Neil and seconded by Alan Henderson
3. **Matters Arising.**
 - a) Barley straw – this had been requested, Jean had intimated that Craig would have time to bring the bales over, if not Ron had his new trailer and could collect it. The aim was to get it out for next February. It was noted that two rafts were now in need of repair. The boat was needed to tow them in; Alan offered to assist with this.
 - b) A letter was sent to Steve Westbrook Dualchas Group, reiterating KLUG's position on the consultation meeting with him concerning the Feasibility study for the loch area. It was noted that there was no reply from him and he had not sent his draft note of the consultation as requested.
4. **Correspondence.**
 - a) Two letters had been received from the Ecology Centre the first was dated 14th October and the second 28th November. The first letter was read out to the meeting. The letter was supportive of the Scottish Carp Group and suggested several recommendations for the Sailing and Canoe Club to follow when using the launching area. All these were adhered to already except for footwear as canoeists cannot wear shoes when paddling. The letter stated that the launch area could not be compared to others like Lochore Meadows but it did not elaborate on this point. The incident between the fisherman and the canoe club had been dealt with in separate reports. The chairman had replied to this letter saying that the whole issue was one of health and safety, particularly for water sports users and young canoeists and it was disappointing that there was not a united willingness to support this move.
The secretary was asked to respond to the second letter saying that Craigenalt Farm not KLUG would be responsible for erecting any 'No Fishing' signs.
 - b) Ninth Annual Newsletter from F.E.T.
 - c) Entrust E-Bulletin
 - d) Entrust update information and Environmental Bodies Guidance Manual
5. **Fishing on Kinghorn Loch**
Richard reported that discussions between the Scottish Carp Group and Craigenalt farm continue and it is hoped a satisfactory agreement for both parties will be concluded. Craigenalt farm will be erecting 'No Fishing' signs at the jetty/launch area. KLUG was asked to enquire about cost for this. Ultimately KLUG's aim is for a management agreement for all loch user's to work together, it had no say in the agreement that the Ecology Centre had with the fishermen or with any new agreement to be made with the owners.
6. **Any Other Business.**
 - a) An email had been received from Paul McLaren and Tony Payne saying that the early time of meeting made it difficult for them to attend. Also Ronny Duncan had intimated that he may ask Roy Henderson to attend meetings on his behalf for a while. It was agreed that the next meeting should be in the evening time.
 - b) Geoff Moy was the new Fife Council Officer covering the development of Local Nature Reserve Status. The secretary was asked to contact him for an update and a meeting on how this could be progressed further.

Date of next meeting Monday 26th January 2009 at