

Kinghorn Loch Users Group

Minutes of the Meeting held 3rd December 2007 at 5.30 pm
at Craigenalt Cottage, Kinghorn

1) **Present:** Marilyn Edwards (Secretary) Margaret Kinninmonth (Treasurer) Fraser Ballantyne, Alan Henderson, Elinor Chalmers, Ron Edwards (Chairperson) Tony Payne Ronnie Mackie, Paul McLaren and Roy Henderson.

2) **Apologies** - Ruth Welensky, Saul Gardiner, Richard Neil

3) **Minute of the previous meeting.**

The minutes were proposed by Elinor Chalmers and seconded by Fraser Ballantyne.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Come and Try Day held in October everyone agreed that this had been a successful event and it was agreed a good idea to hold another one in late Spring. This would be at a good time for both Canoe and Sailing Clubs before training courses and regattas began. Saturday 3rd May was suggested as a provisional date.
- b) Creation of tyre reefs in the loch, the secretary read out the letter from SEPA that said a fee of would be required. The Sailing Club had reservations about the idea because the masts could snag if the boats tipped over. Paul agreed to ask the Carp Group if they still wished to go ahead with the idea.
- c) It was noted that the two barley straw rafts at the far end of the loch were growing too compacted with straw. It was suggested to try and empty these rafts before filling them with fresh straw and perhaps try to fluff this up a bit. Next roll out of barley straw would be February/March

5) Correspondence

- a) There had been email correspondence concerning opening the sleuce to allow maintenance for the culvert in Kinghorn. It was understood that this work was now over and the level in the loch had come back up and would hopefully remain at a more constant level.
- b) The secretary had contacted Community Services to ask if they would re-install litter bins on the east side of the loch. The email back said if bins were put in that KLUG would need to be responsible for emptying them. It was agreed to approach Environmental Services to see if they would take on this responsibility for us.
- c) When grass cutting was in progress on the new jetty Neil Chalmers had not been able to complete the task because members of the Carp Group were fishing/camping there and were not happy to move. Paul suggested that if the carp group could have notice of maintenance this could be passed on to members to avoid any problems.
- d) An email had been received from the secretary of Kinghorn Community Land Association asking to join KLUG. This was discussed and concluded that they did not meet the requirements of the Constitution. The Constitution allows only parties who are users of the loch to be represented. Kinghorn Community Land Association is not presently a user of the loch or own land around it so is therefore not eligible to join. It was agreed that KLUG would be happy to receive comments from them on any matter that may improve use of the loch and its environment.
- e) Information and a questionnaire had been emailed from Steve Westbrook representing Dualchas. This was a group carrying out a feasibility study on the loch and the surrounding area for KCLA Members were handed out copies of the information/ questionnaire to take back to their groups and respond in their own time, as they wished.

6) Finalising the jetty project and finances

The chairman stressed that it was important now to get all the finances/bills in so that the final claim form could be submitted to BDT and the project finalised.

Outstanding work to be finished were

- | cleats for moorings
- | two seats at cost of £276 each
- | strainer posts
- | rubber matting for fendering, Roy Henderson said that the sailing club would manage to fit this along the front of the jetty.
- | some rubber and fixer for the slipway, canoe club offered to provide this.

Bills for sand, cement and some timber were outstanding, Alan said that he would chase up the final bills and hand them in.

Margaret had kept a running photographic record of the project and he asked if she could date this so that a selection could be sent to the sponsors.

Management Agreement for Loch User Groups

It was in the interest of all members to further good working relationship within the loch space so this important topic would be given priority for the next meeting.

7) Any Other Business

- a) Ronnie mentioned that he wanted to put floats around the inlet stream to the loch to discourage fishing at this point. The carp group were supportive of this but he wanted to inform the canoe club before going ahead so that they knew to avoid the area. This would be discussed as part of the management agreement.
- b) Paul asked if anyone saw fish being killed instead of being returned to the loch could they inform the carp group about it.

Date of next meeting Monday 28th January 2008 at 5.30pm