

Kinghorn Loch Users Group.

Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 26th January 2009 at 7.30 pm at Craigenalt Cottage

1. **Present:** Marilyn Edwards (Secretary), Margaret Kinninmonth (Treasurer), Fraser Ballantyne, Alan Henderson, Elinor Chalmers, Ron Edwards (Chairperson), Richard Neil, Alistair Morrison, Paul McLaren, Saul Gardiner and Roy Henderson

Apologies - Ronny Duncan

2. **Minutes from the previous meeting.**

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

3. **Matters Arising.**

- a) No response from The Ecology Centre to suitability of new meeting time.
- b) Steve Westbrook Dualchas Group had not sent his draft note of the consultation with KLUG as requested. It was understood that the next stage of the feasibility report was now out and available to funders. Secretary would try and obtain a copy for KLUG

4. **Correspondence.**

- a) A reminder for Returns form had been sent from FET, KLUG had sent a return form back in September. This had been sent again, there had been no further grant funding during the last year as project was finished.
- b) The secretary showed the meeting a timetable calendar of events for KLUG in 2009. Members were asked to let her know any special event days planned and she would begin filling it in. It was suggested that the calendar go on the Community website.

5. **Barley Straw**

- a) It was agreed with Alan Henderson, weather prevailing that the two rafts for repair would be towed into the bay at the loch and repaired on site the following weekend. Ron Edwards would bring end caps and help with repair work.
- b) Roy Henderson kindly offered to supply sailing boat to put out the barley straw on the rafts others offered to help him. This would be undertaken when repairs were complete and when barley straw from Banchory Farm had arrived. Secretary would email Roy to let him know
- c) Raft at the hide to be towed further out in the loch to assist casting lines for fishing.
- d) There was a discussion about how the strong growth of weed in the loch last summer had affected all users. Richard Smith from Loch Ore had been contacted about using their boat to cut back weed growth on the loch this summer. Ideas were suggested to cut back a section of weed leaving the east bank out to the buoy. A phosphate fixation study had been suggested by Brian Spears to quell the occurrence of blue/green algae on Kinghorn Loch but this was not definite as yet.

6. **Local Nature Reserve**

It was understood that Allan Brown had left his post and Geoff Moy was now responsible for progressing Local Nature Reserve status. It was agreed to invite him to the next meeting of KLUG for an update.

7. **New Project Ideas**

- a) Planting was suggested to stop further habitat erosion and bank stabilising. Alistair advised asking SEPA for advise about plant species to be used as a license may be required for bank protection. Saul would pass on information to the chairman where suitable plants can be obtained.
- b) It was agreed to ask the Ecology Centre about a path improvement along the SCG fishing bank
- c) Saul also suggested an information board that would tell visitors all about the geology, history and leisure activities on the loch. This was a well received suggestion and agreed to investigate it.

7. **Any Other Business.**

- a. The secretary proposed trying a new venue. She suggested asking the organisers of Earthship Fife if KLUG could use their venue for a future meeting place. It was agreed to contact them about this.
- b. Following on from previous success another "Come and Try" Day for the loch was provisionally set for Saturday 2nd May 2009, firmer arrangements to be made nearer the time.

- c. Margaret said that Youth Workers may contact the canoe and sailing clubs about organised youth activities during the summer holidays.

Date of next meeting Monday 2nd March 2009 at 7.30pm