

Kinghorn Loch Users Group.

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 28th April 2010 at 7.30 pm at Craigenalt Cottage

Present: Marilyn Edwards (Secretary), Fraser Ballantyne, (Community Council) Margaret Kinninmonth (Treasurer), Alan Henderson, Elinor Chalmers (Canoe Club) Ron Edwards (Chairperson) Richard Neil,(Craigenalt Farm) Paul McLaren,(SCG)

Apologies – Roy Henderson, Ronny Duncan, Ian Bell (Sailing Club) Stephanie Little Development Services, Alistair Morrison (SEPA) Saul Gardiner (SCG)

Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes will be agreed at the next meeting.

1 Matters Arising.

- a) The boards that had sprung half way along the front grass at the jetty were thought to be mended Alan would check this out,
- b) Marley tubing – The chairman said that he had received no reply or estimate from the Marley company and would seek to get two local estimates, from MKM and PDM (Randolph Industrial Estate)
- c) Alan had contacted Cala Marine in Inverness to give a price for a maintenance boat with a basic spec. and had also sent for other quotes. He would report back to the next meeting.
- d) Bank reinforcement of the north bank of the loch, it was agreed to ask Saul for an update.

2. Correspondence

The only correspondence was an Entrust March Bulletin and the Entrust end of year return which the secretary has returned.

3. Forthcoming Events

a) "Come and Try" day Saturday 1st May. The secretary had arranged for the barn at the Ecology Centre to be open for display areas. The RSPB and Kinghorn Pathways Group have agreed to participate with displays and SCI would circulate amongst visitors to tell them about forthcoming Energy Saving Workshops which they are running. A white board was available to list all the activities. Ron would make up some signs to direct people to the Earthship and the barn. Adam McIntosh has offered his 4x4m marquee if the weather is inclement. The canoe club also has a tent to erect.

The secretary would organise refreshments, hotdogs, hot/cold drinks, and a baking stall. Richard Neil would supply the earn for hot water supply.

Alan would contact Brian McMorris to remind him for the scout canoes.

Ian Bell and Ronny Duncan would organise the sailing boats. All that is needed is fine weather

- b) A KLUG stand at the Beveridge Park Festival this year, during the first week in July was not discussed.

4. Maintenance of the Loch

- Spring Clean/Litter pick – The litter pick was left until after the travelling folk have left. There is dumping of rubbish including old baths and a considerable amount of fly tipping on the east side of the loch. Environmental Services have done an excellent job in cleaning up the area. It was suggested that the Ecology Centre and Kinghorn Community Council get involved for the maintenance of the area.
- Barley Straw Update – Stocks were low this year and the cold weather meant that cattle had remained indoors longer needing more feeding. Price of barley straw is high so KLUG is waiting to see if Banchory Farm has any barley straw available. As birds are now beginning to nest on the rafts any straw would have to go out later in the year.
- Rafts – Alan thought that the problem with the raft in the bay was that it had come loose from the wood. He suggested ratchet straps; 6/raft may answer the problem.

5. Local Nature Reserve

Ronnie Mackie has handed in some information on LNR's and Stephanie Little had also left some sample plans. It was agreed to leave over discussion of establishing an LNR to the next meeting.

6 **New Project Ideas**

- It was understood that the composting toilets proposed near to the Earthship were not progressing at present. The secretary would ask John Hughes for an update.
- The group fel that a simple display board showing KLUG information and activities with a guide map would be a good idea and should be investigated.

7 **Any Other Business.**

none

Date of next meeting June 2010