

Kinghorn Loch Users Group.

Minutes of the Meeting held 29th September 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
2. **Minutes from the previous meeting.**
The minutes were proposed by Fraser Ballantyne and seconded by Alan Henderson
3. **Matters Arising.**
 - a) Barley straw – Still to ask Banchory Farm for this and Ron hoped to have his new trailer installed to collect it. It was agreed to bring in the broken raft after 17th October.
 - b) A written report was circulated to the meeting on the fishing line incident and this would be passed on to the S.C. group as requested.
 - c) The boat for cutting back the weed in the loch is still broken, it was agreed to contact Richard Smith at Loch Ore Meadows to ask if we could book the boat for late June/July for cutting the weed growth next year.
 - d) Brian Shand, Community Services, had emailed to say that a maintenance check is done on the sluice at the loch on a weekly basis along with recording water levels. No problems have been found.
4. **Correspondence.**
 - a) No response had been received from a letter sent to the Chairman of the Ecology Centre Board, Tony Payne, concerning injury to wildlife and problems of fishing from the new jetty. It was agreed to send the letter again and direct it to his home address.
 - b) An email was read out from Steve Westbrook, Dualchas Group who had attended the consultation meeting with KLUG on 18-08-08. He suggests some changes to the report of the meeting sent in to him by KLUG. The meeting considered his comments and decided that the report was an accurate interpretation of the consultation meeting and no changes were made. It was noted that Dualchas had not produced their own report from the consultation and the secretary was asked to contact Steve to let KLUG have a copy.
5. **Barley Straw**
Ron Edwards was getting a new trailer and then he hoped to ask for some barley straw from Banchory Farm. Ronny Duncan was willing to assist with the distribution of it on the loch.
6. **Fishing on Kinghorn Loch**
Richard reported that there was an agreement from the Carp Group to cease fishing at the jetty and in the conservation area until an agreement was confirmed with the owners of Craigenalt Farm. Richard said that he hoped that negotiations with Saul and other members of the Carp Group would begin soon and he was waiting to hear back from them.
It was agreed to contact Derek Veale for a quote for three No Fishing signs. One would be erected on a pole at the beginning of the car park, and two wall signs, one on the wall at the bay area and one on the wall at the jetty. It was stressed that there were still places for the fishermen to fish and hopefully some harmony would be brought to the situation again.
7. **Any Other Business.**
 - a) It was agreed that the secretary would circulate members to see if another day or time would suit people better.
 - b) Discussion of Local Nature Reserve left over to future meeting.
 - c) The next meeting would be arranged for two months time.