

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING OF QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS of the NORTHERN
DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD held on TUESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2017 at 2.00PM at
the BETTYHILL HOTEL**

Present: Mr Toby Ward (Halladale) (Convener)
The Hon G Lopes (Naver)
Mrs S Lopes (Naver)
Lord Iliffe (Naver)
Mr S Green (Naver)
Mr J Gray (Naver)
Mr J Mason (Naver)
Mr A Nicholson (Mallart)
Mr D Hurst-Brown (Halladale)
Mr J Stewart (Borgie)
Mr J Mackay (Armadale)
Mr T Chetwynd (Loch Choire)

In Attendance: Mr A Youngson
Mr M Heeps
Mr A Muat (Bettyhill Angling Club)
Mr A Adamson (Kinloch)
Mr T MacDonell (Wildland/Kinloch)
Mr D Buchan (Naver)
Mrs A MacAuslan (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr P Gwynn (Airdeneiskich)
Mr V Hackel (Strathy)

1. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27th SEPTEMBER 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

3. CHANGES TO BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Clerk advised that Mr Dougal Lindsay (River Kinloch) has resigned from his Board membership as he is no longer involved with Kinloch Estate. Kinloch have proposed that Mr Andrew Adamson who now represents them, replace Mr Lindsay as a Board member. This was agreed and Mr Adamson was duly elected as a member of the Northern District Salmon Fishery Board.

The Clerk advised that she would forward Mr Adamson the relevant paperwork for completion with regard to declaration of financial interests.

4. ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017

The Clerk presented the draft annual report which gave a review of the Board's activities during the 2016/2017 season.

Under the Renewable Energy section of the annual report, the Clerk advised that there had been an update to the Drum Holistan wind farm since the drafting of the report. This application has been rejected by The Highland Council and has now been referred to the DPEA. A reporter has been appointed and the application will be considered by a site visit and local inquiry.

Additionally, the Clerk advised that she had received information of a new application from Katanes Floating Energy Ltd (KFE) which is progressing proposals to deploy up to five floating wind and wave turbines off the coast of Dounreay, immediately to the west of the consented Dounreay Tri project.

The Clerk will include this updated information in the annual report and will forward the information from KFE to Alan Youngson.

There being no further comments or requests to alter the report (with the exception of the update noted above), the annual report for 2016/2017 was duly approved.

5. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2016

The Clerk drew Proprietors' attention to the audited annual accounts circulated with the meeting papers and prepared by Morris & Young in Perth.

The Clerk confirmed that the Board had finished the 2016 financial year with a net deficit of £1,007 and with current assets in the bank, the Board's account was showing as £13,372 at the end of 2016.

There were no further comments regarding the accounts and the accounts were duly signed by the Chairman.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business raised, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

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