

**MINUTES OF THE RIVER BRORA DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD
PROPRIETORS MEETING**

**Held at Sunrise House, Brora
On Thursday 11th August 2022 at 11am**

| Present | | In Attendance | |
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| The Earl Cadogan, Lower Brora North Bank | LC | Martin Livings, Head Bailiff | ML |
| Mrs Angela Tyser, Upper Brora and Loch Brora | AT | | |
| Neil Wright, Clerk to the Board – Mandated | NW | | |
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| 1 | APOLOGIES | Action |
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| | No apologies. | |
| 2 | MINUTES OF THE 8th AUGUST 2019 | |
| | LC welcomed all attendees. The minutes of the previous meeting have been circulated and LC signed a copy as being a true reflection of the meeting. | |
| 3 | DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTREST | |
| | No new interests declared. | |
| 4 | MATTERS ARISING | |
| | Any matters to be addressed during the meeting. | |
| 5 | FINANCE UPDATE | |
| | NW ran through the finances of the Board to date for the year, with around £30,000 of assessment having been collect for the year, the assessment being billed monthly by standing order from each proprietor. The budget is presently £1,200 over budget and there is £30,000 in the bank account. General discussion regarding vehicle replacement, it was agreed a new 4x4 truck will be need for 2023. Further management expenses may be required in the following year to look at forestry work along the river banks, as part of the management plan. | |
| 6 | HEAD BAILIFFS REPORT | |
| | Martin Livings had previously circulated his report and he has highlighted a few items. ML noted that there has been a rise in tenants breaking the rules on the river, the Board agreed that the bailiffs should deal with breaches in the first instance and regular offenders are to be dealt with more seriously, with the matter being escalated. Any major breach may need to be dealt serious from the outset | |

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| | <p>depending on the circumstance but the discretion is with the Bailiffing team, unless it is an illegal act.</p> <p>The Board discussed individual cases of tenant breaches.</p> <p>ML ran over access issues that the team have been encountering, which is having an impact on the tenants and the river. This has become time consuming in the last few years and takes the bailiffs away from other jobs. A seasonal ranger has been proposed, who would work for 3 to 4 months of the summer to help monitor the river during the day.</p> <p>NW ran over the finances of a seasonal ranger. The Board agreed that a ranger should be employed for the 2023 season going forward.</p> | |
| 7 | CONSERVATION POLICY | |
| | There was no major changes proposed to the policy for 2023, except to move the killing of fish from 1 st of April to June. The Government river grading remains category 1 for the Brora. | |
| 10 | AOCB | |
| | No AOCB. | |
| 11 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING | |
| | Date to be confirmed. | |