

# AIFCA DIRECTORS DRAFT MINUTES

6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 @ 14:00 PM

ONLINE Meeting via MSTeams



## Present

Robert Clark  
Tony Tomlinson  
Les Weller  
Pia Bateman  
Will Wright  
Julian Gregory  
Mike Hardy  
David McCandless  
Tom Hooper  
Tim Dapling  
Mat Mander

## Also in attendance

Paul Williams  
Mark Southerton

## 1. Apologies for absence

Sam Davis

## 2. Declaration of interests

## 3. Minutes of previous meetings

- a. Minutes Directors Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Directors APPROVED the minutes.
- b. Minutes of Management Group 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Directors NOTED the minutes and APPROVED the recommendations.
- c. Draft minutes of the AIFCA Members Forum. 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Directors NOTED the draft minutes of the Members Forum meeting

## 4. Chairman's announcements

The Chairman extended his thanks to Mike Hardy for all his support for the development of the AIFCA and for his services to fisheries and conservation. The Directors recorded their thanks to Mr Hardy.

## 5. Progress Report

### 5a. Recruitment Update.

Members heard how Tim Smith had started in his role as Senior Policy Officer and Simon Pengelly will start in his role (hosted by Sussex IFCA) at the beginning of November. It was **AGREED** that the AIFCA Chief Officer enter into an MoA with Sussex IFCA regarding the role and roles and responsibilities.

### 5b. Training Update.

It was **AGREED** that the AIFCA Chief Officer organise a meeting with the Chief Officers to expedite this year's training programme.

### 5c. IFCA SR21 Funding status.

Members heard how the IFCA continues to make the case that the SR21 funding needs to be expedited and explain to the Defra the consequences of the delays in funding for the IFCA's.

*5d. Fisheries Management Plans and Defra engagement.*

Members received a report on the engagement with Defra which followed the AIFCA symposium at Fishmongers Hall.

**ITEMS FOR DECISION**

**6. AIFCA Budget Control Statement**

Members approved the budget control statement.

It was AGREED that the AIFCA Chief Officer and Mr Williams review the reserves policy and APPROVED the creation of a separate higher interest bank account for that reserve.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**7. Communication Plan**

Members noted the plan