

DRAFT AIFCA MEMBERS FORUM MEETING MINUTES

7th September 2021 @ 10:30 AM

MSTeam Videoconference



The meeting started at 10:30

In attendance

Tony Tomlinson (Chairman)
Les Weller (Vice Chairman)
Dr Steve Axford
Julian Gregory
Mat Mander
Prof. Mike Williams
Mike Hardy
Ian Jones
Cllr Mark Roberts
Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick
Cllr Paul Williams
Dr Stephen Atkins
Dr Will Wright
David McCandless
Tim Dapling
Sam Davis
Stevie Travis (NLTO)
Robert Clark (Chief Officer)

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence

Tom Hooper
Cllr Andy Guy
Cllr John Lamb
Prof. Peter Jones

2. Declaration of interests

None declared.

3. Minutes and actions AIFCA Members Forum Meeting (June 2021)

Dr Axford asked that the minutes be altered to reflect his declared interest as a member of the RYA Planning and Sustainability Committee, not conservation. This was agreed and subject to that amendment the minutes were **AGREED**

4. Minutes Directors Meeting (June 2021)

The minutes were **NOTED**

Mat Mander joined the meeting

5. Chairman's announcements

None

6. Progress reports

6a. Member's appointment process (MMO)

Members received an update on the current appointment process. It was proposed by Prof. Williams that the AIFCA write to The Parliamentary Undersecretary if no further progress has been achieved by the time of the next AIFCA / Defra meeting. This proposal was **AGREED** by members.

The Chief Officer was asked to provide a report on the members allowances provided by the IFCA's.

Sam Davis joined the meeting

It was **AGREED** that the AIFCA should develop a briefing note on the role of IFCA's for Council Leaders.

6b. Newsletter (verbal)

Members received an update from the Chief Officer. The Chief officer was asked to circulate a link to the newsletter sign up <http://www.association-ifca.org.uk/contact-us-newsletter>

6c. HPMAs (verbal)

The Chief Officer reported on the work of the AIFCA on supporting Defra in the development of the assessment of socio and economic on for potential HPMAs

6d. National angling strategy (verbal)

Les Weller and Tim Dapling provided an update on the National Angling Strategy and associated workstreams, including the recently announced funding for angling.

6e. Towards Regional Fisheries Management Plans. AIFCA project update.

Dr Wright introduced the progress made on the project and the members heard from the Chief Officer about the project finances.

6f. Freedom of Information (verbal)

The members **NOTED** that the minutes of the meetings of the AIFCA will be published on the AIFCA website once the minutes are confirmed.

Items for decision

7. AIFCA Budget control statement

Cllr Williams provided an updated balance sheet and Income and expenditure account up to August. Cllr Williams provided an overview of the budget control. Members **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the budget control statement and thanked Cllr Williams for his work.

Members requested and it was **AGREED** to create a project management account.

8. IFCA Spending Review 21 submission

Members **AGREED** to **ENDORSE** the SR21 submission made by the AIFCA and the IFCA COG.

9. Member's questionnaire results and action plan

Members **NOTED** the questionnaire results from the AIFCA survey celebrating 10 years . Members **NOTED** the AIFCA newsletter and members **APPROVED** the action plan

Items for note

10. Chief Officers Report

The Chief Officer introduced his report and the report was **NOTED**.

There was a 10-minute break

11. Training Officer Report

Stevie Travis the NLTO introduced his report and the report was **NOTED**. The members thanked Stevie for the report and extended thanks to Dom Bailey Debbie O'Shea, Ian Jones and Sam Dell for their support in developing the training programme.

12. Marine Protected Areas: guidance for developing compensatory measures consultation Response.

The members heard that a national response to the Defra consultation will be developed following a meeting with Defra in September.

The meeting concluded at 12:40