

AIFCA MEMBERS FORUM MEETING MINUTES



5th March 2024 at 10:30

via Video conference
The meeting started at 10:33

IN ATTENDANCE

Tony Tomlinson (Chairman)
Les Weller (Vice Chairman)
Sam Davis
Prof Mike Williams
Rob Pearson
Dr Will Wright
Cllr John Lamb
Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick
David McCandless
Prof Mike Elliot
Cllr Mark Robert (part)
Robert Clark (Chief Officer)

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Tom Hooper
Prof Peter Jones
Mark Taylor
Cllr Andrew Guy
Phil Capper

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

3. Chairmans Announcements

The Chairman notified members that the vice chairman Les Weller will not be seeking to stand for re-appointment as a member of Northumberland IFCA at their next meeting and would therefore be standing down as Chairman of the IFCA at their next meeting and would therefore be standing down as vice chairman of the AIFCA. The Chairman and members thanked Les for his long and illustrious service as a member of the IFCAs since their formation. The Chairman welcomed the considerable efforts of Mr Weller in the transformation of the AIFCA, leading up to and since the formal review of the organisation in 2020. Les was thanked by all members for his considerable knowledge and leadership, his contribution to the IFCAs sea angling knowledge and engagement was applauded.

It was formally AGREED that the AIFCA record its thanks to Mr Les Weller for his significant contribution to the AIFCA.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

a. Draft Minutes of the December 2023 Members Forum Meeting

with minor corrections the members APPROVED the minutes of the December 2023. Members Forums Meeting.

b. Minutes of the 18th December 2023 Directors Meeting

Members NOTED the minutes of the Directors Meeting on the 18th of December 2023.

c Minutes of the 22nd February 2024 Directors Meeting

Members NOTED the minutes of the Directors Meeting on the 22nd February 2024.

5. Progress Reports

a. Review of internal control policies

Members considered and NOTED the changes to existing policies and NOTED the updated Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, Procurement Policy, Information & Information Security Policy and Environmental Sustainability Policy.

ITEM(S) FOR DECISION

6. The AIFCA Draft Annual Delivery Plan

Members discussed and AGREED the Annual Plan the proposed plan and authorised the Chairman to approve any amendments made by the chief officer in response the feedback provided. The chairman thanked the members for their comments and Prof Williams for his detailed feedback.

7. Budget Control Statement

Members considered the Budget Control Statement. The chief officer identified areas of divergence from the budget, noting that travel and accommodation costs had risen. Robert Clark also identified where additional income had been received in response to work associated with the CHLE project and the development of the Cockle FMP. The chief officer was thanked for his report and the report was APPROVED.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8. IFCA Conduct and Operations Report

The Chief Officer advised that the IFCA Conduct and Operations Report call for evidence had been launched. Members discussed the report. It was AGREED that members would promote the call for evidence to members and their wider stakeholder community.

9. Dates of Next Meetings

The Dates of the Next Meetings are as follows.

- June 4th 2024 AGM (In Person London)
- September 3rd 2024
- December 3rd 2024