

Fisheries Management Sub-Committee 3 August 2010

Draft Minutes of the Fisheries Management Sub-Committee held on Tuesday 3 August in the Old Abbey House, Abingdon

Present

Cllr Duncan Brown	Chair and Mayor of Abingdon
Cllr Angela Lawrence	Vice Chair
Cllr Lesley Legge	

In Attendance

Mrs Sandra Hill	Deputy Town Clerk
Mr Mick Foster	Water Keeper

1 **Election of Chair**

Resolved that Cllr Duncan Brown be elected Chair of the Fisheries Management Sub-Committee for the Council year 2010/2011

2 **Election of Vice Chair**

Resolved that Cllr Angela Lawrence be elected Vice Chair of the Fisheries Management Sub-Committee for the Council year 2010/2011.

3 **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

4 **Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

5 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2010 be signed as a true and correct record.

6 **Matters Arising**

CRB Check – the Deputy Town Clerk reported that the CRB check for Mr Mick Foster has been approved and cleared.

Insurance Cover – the Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the post of Abingdon Town Council's Water Keeper was covered the Council's insurance.

Fishing for Disabled People – it was confirmed that the Vale of White Horse District Council is no longer taking this initiative forward.

7 **Report from the Water Keeper**

The Water Keeper, Mr Mick Foster, verbally reported that after the harsh winter the river is abundant with small fish and dace. More people are fishing than in previous years, although the warm weather does not make good fishing in terms of river flow. The new owner of the Barton Lane Lake is seeking planning permission to operate as a Fishery. On Thursday 12 August eight of the country's top anglers would be competing in a competition sponsored

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by Drennan. It is expected to attract a small crowd with both local and national press coverage.

Mr Mick Foster further reported that the current paper season tickets were not suitable.

Resolved that the Deputy Town Clerk would produce seasons tickets based on the permits.

8 **Mayor's Fishing Competition**

The Deputy Town Clerk and the Water Keeper verbally updated the meeting on the Mayor's Fishing Competition.

Resolved that the Deputy Town Clerk would produce posters to advertise the event, and seek authorisation from the Vale of White Horse District Council to place No Mooring signs so pitches could be reserved for the junior competition.

9 **Matches for 2010/2011 Season**

Resolved that matches for the 2010/2011 season were noted and received.

10 **Communal Lake**

Resolved that this would remain a standing item at each meeting of the Fisheries Management Sub-Committee.

11 **Dates for Future Meetings**

Resolved that the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 1 February 2011 with future meetings taking place on Tuesday 2 August 2011 and Tuesday 7 February 2012 at 4.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 5.10pm