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Fisheries Local Action Group Meeting – 10am Friday 09 June 2017

Held at: Council Offices, Daar Road, Kirkcudbright

Attendees: Alastair McNeill (AM) Chair Sean McGuire (SM)
Grant Course (GC) Debbie Parke (DP)
Caroline Graham-Brown (CGB) Pam Taylor (PT)
Harry Harbottle (HH) John Tooth (JT)
June Lochhead (JL) Jonathan Warren (JW)

Staff: Nicola Hill (NH) Jessie Mason (JM)
Rowan Lloyd (RL)

Apologies: Allan Watson (AW) Stephen Hardy (SH)

Meeting commenced at 10.00am

1 Welcome

- 1.1 Alastair McNeill opened the meeting and welcomed all members to a very well attended meeting.
- 1.2 Minutes of the meeting from 10 March were read, members were made aware of the amendments which had been made. The minutes were proposed by HH and seconded by JT.

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3 Discuss Seafood Scotland Mobile App Proposal

RL introduced the proposal. Claire Dean of Seafood Scotland was looking for a pilot area for the App. After ringing round to see viability, it was thought that fishermen would be less likely to use but that restaurants would. It was

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highlighted that there is a website which does exactly what the app proposes, could not see the need to have both when the website was up and running and doing the job it was designed to do. It might be more useful in an area which had a more diverse fleet. It was suggested that IFG would be a better place to take the proposal.

Who would own it? IP and maintenance? Would this be marketed and sold, or provided free? There is a lot of work at present around Food Tourism and to that end it might be a good thing to trial and show better access. The figures of 1:6 of restaurants using locally caught fish was queried and it was thought this would be more likely inland as all coastal villages and towns are using locally caught fish.

Consensus of the group was that the app should be taken to IFG.

4 Cockle Sub Group

At a meeting of the sub-group it was decided to look to progress the first phase Aqua Culture and explored options for a second phase. Contact had been made with RSPB Mersehead as it has good security.

Solway Firth Partnership has been asked to be a potential lead, will update meeting when information available. A further meeting has been arranged for 15 June, both the Solway Firth Partnership and RSPB have been invited to attend.

In order to carry out any works, a several order must be obtained from Marine Scotland.

It was thought that the Aqua Culture Fund may be more appropriate – have spoken to Marine Scotland, they are still to respond.

5 AOCB – There were no items.

Meeting closed at 11.40am