

UUFA Committee Meeting – 27/10/11

Jonathan Carthew, Charles De Winton, Tony Rees, Huw Jones, Mike Cowburn, Harry Legge-Bourke, Chris Brain, Richard Lloyd

Apologies – Mike Gulliford

#### United Usk Fishermen's Association – The Way Forward

Having received some feedback from the Members of the Association, with regards to the future of the Association, the Committee have met and have decided as per the rules and allowances of the association to the committee, to send out to all members this document which it is hoped will allow all members of the association to register their interests and recommendations in a formal, open and transparent way.

These comments and recommendations will be made available for any member to see at the EGM to be held late January 2012 and prior to the fishing season 2012 commencing. This will allow The United Usk Fishermen's Association, to have a clear mandate from members to the committee, a sense of purpose and direction and /or, an alternative structure and purpose dependent on what is voted for and against.

It is therefore requested that the areas listed below be read and commented on by each member in order that the Committee can produce the results of this official feedback at the EGM planned for late January 2012. Date will be confirmed shortly.

Please send this document back to The Hon Sec: Huw Jones by email, [huw@uskfishing.org](mailto:huw@uskfishing.org) or Post to the below address:

Address: C/O Peapod Legal Office Ltd, Merlin House, Langstone Business Park, Priory Drive, Newport NP18 2HJ

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact any member of the committee.

**This is an important document; please spend a few minutes filling it in, as this may have direct ramifications on the future of the River Usk and activities that take place in and around it. This is your opportunity to have your say as members of UUFA and to provide the Committee of UUFA positive and useful comments on the way forward for the protection and development of our wonderful river.**

## UUFA Way Forward Document November 2011

Name of Member.....

Years of membership.....

Location of fishery owned or Fishing area/club.....

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**Please circle Agree/ Disagree or comment further in the space provided**

### Question 1

The Object of the Association shall be as per Page 2 of Rules of UUFA

- a. To safeguard all fishing interests and the amenities connected therewith in the area of the river catchment.

Agree / Disagree

- b. To represent fishing interests and amenity interest in the area of the River Usk catchment at public or private enquiries if, in the opinion of the committee of the Association, such representation is desirable or necessary.

Agree / Disagree

- c. To nominate persons to represent the fishing interests on any statutory or voluntary body if in the opinion of the committee of the association such representation is desirable or necessary.

Agree / Disagree

- d. To consider and make representations on all matters affecting the fishing interests and the amenities of the whole of The River Usk Catchment.

Agree / Disagree

- e. To organise coarse fishing in the River Usk during winter months in co-operation with the Riparian owners and Fishing or Angling Clubs.

Agree / Disagree

- f. To promote and hold either alone or jointly with any other associations, club or persons, meetings, competitions and matches for fishing or casting and to offer, give or contribute towards prizes, medals and awards therefor.

Agree / Disagree

- g. If the Committee sees fit, to establish promote or assist in establishing or promoting, and to subscribe to or become a member of any other associations or clubs whose objectives are similar or in part similar to the objects of the association or the establishment or promotion of which may be beneficial to the association or fishing and amenity interests on the River Usk.

Agree / Disagree

- h. To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them

Agree / Disagree

Should you wish to comment on any new objectives that should be included please comment in the box provided.

Question 2

A: The Committee shall Consist of the following :

- a. President (if appointed) Agree / Disagree

- b. Chairman Agree / Disagree
- c. Vice-Chairman Agree / Disagree
- d. Hon. Secretary Agree / Disagree
- e. Hon. Treasurer Agree / Disagree

Members of the Committee representing:

- The tidal Waters of the Usk Agree /Disagree
- Usk Bridge to Crickhowell Bridge Agree / Disagree
- Crickhowell Bridge to Brecon Bridge Agree / Disagree
- Brecon bridge to Source Agree / Disagree
- The Industrial Rivers Agree / Disagree
- Coarse Fishery Interests Agree / Disagree

B. Elections to the Committee shall take place triennially (Committee view: in order to maintain continuity at local and national political levels.)

Agree / Disagree

C. 6 Deputy Members are to be proposed and voted for triennially to represent the 6 principal members as and when required (page 6 of the Rules)

Agree / Disagree

D. Casual Vacancies within the 3 year term may be filled by the committee until the next TGM.

Agree / Disagree

Further Comments and Recommendations may be made in Box Provided.

Current Vacancies are:

President: The committee is recommending that the Association finds a very high Profile/Celeb/ personality to raise the profile of the UUFA. The process will be carried out by the committee and reported to members when complete.

Agree / Disagree

I suggest .....as a proposed President

Chairman

It is requested that members nominate a person and the first business at the EGM in January will be to vote in a new chairman. Nominations will be posted onto the UUFA website prior to the EGM.

I nominate.....as the New Chairman of The UUFA.

Vice Chairman

The Committee recommends to the members that this be filled by the Committee once voted in and should be a person who has political/legal and environmental expertise .

Agree / Disagree

I know of .....who the committee should consider.

Please provide any comments or recommendations in the box provided.

The following Committee members are in post:

Hon Sec: Huw Jones, he has agreed to stay on as Hon Sec.      Agree / Disagree

Hon Treasurer: Jonathan Carthew has agreed to stay on but wishes to resign within 1 year to allow new blood onto the committee.

Do you agree or disagree to Jonathan Carthew staying on and the Committee finding a new Treasurer for the 2013-2015 season.

Agree / Disagree

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**A: Tidal Waters Member:** Principle Member Mike Cowburn

Agree / Disagree to continue in post

I recommend/nominate .....as deputy to Principal

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**B: Usk Bridge to Crickhowell Bridge:** Harry Legge-Bourke

Harry is the newest committee member and replaced Ross Murray only 6 months ago, it is clear that He should be representing Crickhowell Bridge to Brecon Bridge. Currently Charles de Winton.

Harry has agreed to put himself forward as a nominee for the position of chairman of UUFA for a limited one term, only for 3 years, thereby releasing the principle committee position of Usk Bridge to Crickhowell Bridge.

I nominate Harry Legge-Bourke as Chairman Agree / Disagree

I nominate.....as Principle Member for Usk Bridge to Crickhowell Bridge

I nominate ..... As Deputy to the Principal

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**C. Crickhowell bridge to Brecon Bridge Member:** Charles de Winton

Charles de Winton to remain committee member. Agree / Disagree

I nominate ..... as Deputy to Principal

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**D. Brecon Bridge to Source:** Member Richard Lloyd:

Richard Lloyd to remain committee member. Agree / Disagree

I nominate as ..... deputy to Principal

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**E. Industrial Rivers:** Member: Mike Gulliford . Deputy: Stuart Matthews

Mike Gulliford to remain committee member. Agree / Disagree

Stuart Matthews to remain Deputy to Principal . Agree / Disagree

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**F. Coarse Fishing:** Member; Tony Rees

Tony Rees has agreed to remain on the committee but not to take up any other duties for the time being.

Tony Rees to remain on Committee

Agree / Disagree

I nominate .....as Deputy to Principal

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Question 3

The Committee is in agreement that The Association must have representation on the Wye and Usk Foundation (WUF) board of trustees in order to observe, report and participate on behalf of members of the association and in the interests set out in objectives of the Association. Members of the Committee will take on this role for the Association.

Agree / Disagree

Question 4

UUFA must remain independent to WUF in order to allow UUFA to participate in Political Lobbying in particular as WUF is unable to do these activities owing to its charitable status. UUFA committee would also be able to approach WUF for funding specific projects.

Agree / Disagree

Question 5

I want The United Usk Fishermen's Association to continue in its present form but with some administrative and communication changes.

Agree / Disagree

Question 6

I want some more fundamental changes and outline my thoughts below