

UUFA Way Forward Document November 2011 - Results

Number of Replies - 50

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 – 47, Disagree – 1, Abstention - 2

- 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 – 46, Disagree – 4

- 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 – 46, Disagree – 2, Abstention - 2

- 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 – 46, Disagree – 2, Abstention - 2

- 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 – 37, Disagree – 9, Abstention - 4

- 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 – 31, Disagree – 13, Abstention - 6

- 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 – 31, Disagree – 7, Abstention - 12

- 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 – 47, Disagree – 2, Abstention - 1

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

- 1) Set out some long term aims/roles
- 2) Improve communication
- 3) Have a recruitment Strategy
- 4) Increase Membership Fees
- 5) UUFA should be Riparian led
- 6) Independence from WUF
- 7) Fight river pollution
- 8) Fight water extraction
- 9) FEB license
- 10) Push for mandatory use of barbless hooks

Question 2

A: The Committee shall Consist of the following :

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| a. President (if appointed) | Agree – 41, Disagree – 5, Abstention - 4 |
| b. Chairman | Agree – 49, Abstention - 1 |
| c. Vice-Chairman | Agree – 43, Disagree – 4, Abstention - 3 |
| d. Hon. Secretary | Agree – 49, Abstention - 1 |
| e. Hon. Treasurer | Agree – 49, Abstention - 1 |

Members of the Committee representing:

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| The tidal Waters of the Usk | Agree – 46, Disagree – 1, Abstention - 3 |
| Usk Bridge to Crickhowell Bridge | Agree – 46, Disagree – 1, Abstention - 3 |

Crickhowell Bridge to Brecon Bridge Agree – 46, Disagree – 1, Abstention - 3

Brecon bridge to Source Agree – 46, Disagree – 1, Abstention - 3

The Industrial Rivers Agree – 43, Disagree – 5, Abstention - 2

Coarse Fishery Interests Agree – 40, Disagree – 7, Abstention - 3

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

Agree – 40, Disagree – 9, Abstention - 1

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 – 39, Disagree – 7, Abstention - 4

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

Agree – 40, Disagree – 7, Abstention - 3

Further Comments and Recommendations may be made in Box Provided.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 4 deputies rather than 6 2) Annual elections rather than triennial 3) If a situation arises that needs specific expertise then a member may join the committee |
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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.

I suggestSee Below.....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.....See below.....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 .

I know ofSee below.....who the committee should consider.

Please provide any comments or recommendations in the box provided.

Nominations for President:	Nominations for Chairman	Nominations for V-Chairman
Gareth Edwards – 4	Harry Legge-Bourke – 32	Helen Harrison - 1
Sir Roger Jones – 2	Mark Roberts – 2	Charles De Winton - 1
Harry Legge-Bourke - 1	Robert Melvin – 1	
Sian Legge-Bourke - 1	Steve Carrington - 1	
Dr Stephen Marsh-Smith – 1	Charles De Winton – 1	
Any local MP – 1		

The following Committee members are in post:

Hon Sec: Huw Jones, he has agreed to stay on as Hon Sec:

Agree – 45, Disagree – 1, Abstention - 4

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 – 49, Disagree – 1,

A: Tidal Waters Member: Principle Member Mike Cowburn

Agree – 34, Disagree – 2, Abstention - 14 to continue in post

I recommend/nominateSee below.....as deputy to Principal

Other Nominees for Deputy: Chris Brain - 1, Brian Williams - 1, Guy Mawle - 1

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.....See below.....as Principle Member for Usk Bridge to Crickhowell Bridge

I nominateNone nominated..... As Deputy to the Principal

Other Nominees for Principal: Steve Carrington – 2, Mark Roberts – 1, Helen Harrison – 1, Ben Herbert – 1, Chris Brain – 1, Robert Melvin - 1

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

Charles de Winton to remain committee member. Agree – 36, Abstention - 14

I nominateSee below..... as Deputy to Principal

Other Nominees for Principal/ Deputy: Stuart Jarvis – 1, Steve Carrington - 1

D. Brecon Bridge to Source: Member Richard Lloyd:

Richard Lloyd to remain committee member. Agree – 36, Disagree – 2, Abstention - 12

I nominate asnone nominated..... deputy to Principal

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

Mike Gulliford to remain committee member. Agree – 35, Disagree – 1, Abstention - 14

Stuart Matthews to remain Deputy to Principal . Agree – 35, Disagree – 1, Abstention - 14

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 – 36, Abstention - 14

I nominatenone nominated.....as Deputy to Principal

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 – 43, Disagree – 4, Abstention - 3

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 – 46, Abstention - 4

Question 5

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

Agree – 38, Disagree – 6, Abstention - 6

Question 6

I want some more fundamental changes and outline my thoughts below:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Annual AGM2) Vision Statement3) Manage Member Expectations4) Funded Office Manager/Secretary5) Annual Nick Brabner Award |
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