

# **RIVER GIRVAN DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD**

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## **Minute of The Triennial Election Meeting of The River Girvan District Salmon Fishery Board Held at The Carrick Centre, Maybole On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

**Present:** Jenny Fergusson, Chair, Kilkerran  
Pat Hunter Blair, Blairquhan  
Douglas Waugh, Robstone  
Graham Scobie, Dailly Angling Club  
Tommy Thomson, Head Bailiff  
Stuart Davidson, River Girvan Fishing Club  
Stephan Mueller, Proprietor  
Struan Candlish, Fisheries Biologist, Ayrshire Rivers Trust  
Jennifer Garland, Administrator, Ayrshire Rivers Trust  
The Clerk, Stuart Brabbs, 2 Crosshill Cottage, Mauchline

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from John Dalrymple Hamilton.

### **2. Minute of the Last Meeting (15/02/2023)**

It was noted that Douglas Waugh's name was misspelt in the draft Minutes and this would be corrected in the approved Minutes. There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes of the Triennial Election Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and these were approved by Pat Hunter Blair and seconded by Graham Scobie.

There was a brief financial update presented to the Board to make them aware of the current financial situation. It was reported that as at Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 there was £20,096.35 in the bank with outstanding Assessments for 2025/2026 still to be paid coming to £5,460. The Clerk had been contacted by some Proprietors explaining their delayed payment.

The Board appreciated this update and congratulated the Clerk and administrator on their efforts and success.

### **3. Retiral of the Board**

It was explained that the purpose of the Meeting was to elect a new Board as is required by the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Consolidation (Scotland) Act 2003. A Calling Notice for this meeting was circulated in accordance with the above legislation to all Proprietors by mail and had been advertised publicly on the Board's website since 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

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Nominations for election to the new Board were requested from river Proprietors to reach the Clerk no less than one week in advance of this meeting (by 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026).

In the absence of any new nominations received from Proprietors, the Clerk confirmed that the current Board members were willing to take a position on the new Board once again.

The last task of the Board before their retiral was to recommend the maximum number of persons that should make up the new Board. The Clerk recommended nine would allow the Board to bring on new owners or co-opt new angler's representatives that may become available in future. This was agreed to by the Board.

Board members, their term of Office having expired, duly resigned.

#### **4. Election of the Board**

The Clerk then took over the running of the meeting and confirmed that in the absence of any new nominations to the Board, he asked the previous Board members to confirm that they were willing to be re-elected. This was unanimously agreed and all previous Board members were re-elected in their entirety.

The Clerk then ask the Board members to elect a new Convenor (Chair) and Jenny Fergusson was unanimously elected.

The Chair requested any names to be co-opted onto the Board. Tommy Thomson, Graham Scobie and Stuart Davidson were all proposed and unanimously elected onto the new Board.

There being no further competent business for the Triennial Meeting, the Chair concluded the meeting.