

A meeting of the Fowey Rivers Association  
was held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at Lostwithiel Social Club

**Present**

Godfrey Tucker (Chairman)  
Roger Brake (Treasurer)  
Bill Eliot (River Co-ordinator)  
David Phillips (Lostwithiel)

Arthur White (Liskeard)  
Rob Williams (Riverbed management)  
Jon Evans (secretary)

**Apologies**

Mike Bryant (Newbridge)  
Ray Burrows (Bodmin Angling Association)  
Paul Eliot (Chairman)  
Roger Furniss (SWRA)  
Alan Hawken (Glynn)

Tyson Jackson (Water resources officer)  
Roger Lashbrook (Commercial interests)  
Brian Muelaner (Lanhydrock)  
Sir Michael Thompson (President)

**1. Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2007 were agreed.

**2. Hatchery**

It was noted that the meeting had been called to receive feedback from members and their associated organisations.

The Secretary read an email from Sir Michael expressing his views that the hatchery should be self sustaining and largely funded by anglers' contributions and two from Paul Eliot elucidating the costs and other matters affecting the hatchery.

The calculation of £25 per head per year was revisited and the view was strongly expressed that this was very unlikely to be achieved from current club members.

Bill presented the views of LDAC. The committee would be levying a charge of £5 per member from 2008. This should lead to an annual sum of £1,000 but this had to be divided between the Fowey and the Lynher. In his opinion, £25 per head is a pipe dream and hatcheries are more likely to succeed if they are small and run on a voluntary basis. The Camel seems to want to create its own hatchery and will look after itself.

Dave reported from Lostwithiel that the club will support the hatchery if it is part of a wider river conservation programme which includes the hatchery within a larger plan for the whole catchment and habitat. The LAC is unable to provide a financial commitment at this stage. He also suggested that the hatchery might not be in the most appropriate place and that an asset higher up the river system should ensure less potential for pollution.

Arthur spoke for the Lynher and the benefits of a small self contained system run by a small but dedicated group of volunteers. The costs of the Lynher hatchery were about £2,000 per annum of which the two largest commitments were £650 for the discharge licence and £500 for pumping water.

### 3. **Arrangements for 2007/8**

It was suggested that it was most unlikely that anything could be put in place for the current season because it is too late to make the required arrangements for working together in a coordinated overall programme. However, it was also noted that if there was no hatchery in the current season, it would prove even more difficult to re-establish it in 2008.

It was agreed that

1. Nothing would happen this season unless short term arrangements could be made at Wainsford for an alternative manning arrangement. Even so, arrangements would also need to be made for the capture and transport of fish. In future, it might also prove possible to contract the work out to another hatchery such as Endsleigh or Trafalgar Farm, but this would also require fish to be taken to the alternative hatchery.
2. Paul should be thanked for his very great success in enhancing river stocks throughout the Fowey catchment.
3. A Fowey Hatchery Group should be set up to plan the next season's work and financial support. This should encompass mechanisms for fish capture and transport and for managing the eggs and fry. The detailed arrangements should be discussed at the next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008, at which the clubs will bring their nominations for membership of the group.