

A meeting of the Fowey Rivers Association  
was held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct  
at the Lostwithiel Social Club

**Present**

Dr Bill Smith (Chairman)  
Rob Williams (LDAC)  
Paul Jordan (Treasurer)  
Chris Janes (Riverbed management)  
Matt L'Estrange (Lanhydrock)

**In attendance** Giles Rickard (WRT)

**Apologies**

John Tisdale, Nigel White,

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Agreed.

2. **Matters arising**

Letter from Chairman to clubs regarding a new secretary: the chairman had not done this. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to send out with the club newsletters

**Action WHS**

3. **Treasurers Report**

There were no questions arising.  
The Treasurer's report was noted and he was thanked for his contribution.

4. **Net Limitation Order renewal**

A consultation document had been circulated by the EA and had been circulated to members. A robust response from the Fowey stressed the fact that the fishing restrictions were voluntary and went beyond the EA requirements for a river deemed probably at risk for salmon. The need for annual consultation and agreement with the EA on the restrictions was also stressed. Much of the discussion about the NLO was considered unnecessary as the Net buyout had been agreed.

5. **Hatchery update**

The Chairman reported that 40k fry had been released into the St Neot in mid September during a temporary reduction in the Colliford release. 10k had been fin clipped. Volunteers and the EA helped with the fin clipping

which was completed in a day. The hatchery has been reconfigured for brood stock collection and a small cock fish has been donated.

## 6. **WRT reports**

### **Trees**

- Works started on 2 of the larger St Neot sites, one of them felling 2 large groups of Larch adjacent to the river bank. Big win from a shading regime point of view but also from replanting with native broadleaves suitable to the ecology, also provide lots of material to tie in as refuge for the fry.
- Until end of April 2019 plans are to complete St Neot work and Warleggan work -including part funded by the Patagonia project
- Arranging site visit for FFRG, best value to leave until later in the year, so can show some of this year's work also. Noted interest from the group in this
- Fowey EF is complete for this season, surveyed 30 sites approx, EA planned 12/13 sites awaiting results. Report planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> of December

### **Barriers**

- Bodmin Parkway Bridge Weir – repair works to the central low flow channel were undertaken. This was repair of historical work that seeks to reduce water turbulence downstream of the weir to make it as easy as possible for fish to pass over the structure. Low baffles have also been fitted to the two outer bridge channels to concentrate flows but allow over topping above summer low flows; the aim is to gain a little more depth in the central channel to make it as easy as possible for fish to pass the structure in low flows.
- EA have completed fish easement improvements on gauging weirs at Craigshill Wood and Trekeive Steps
- Glynn Weir (on the Cardinham also known as d/s Fletchers Bridge and/or Lady's Wood Weir) – detailed design for a technical fish pass ongoing
- Ashford Weir (AKA Kilham, Lady's Wood) – concept design comprising bypass channel being developed
- Other sites – two or three other sites to be assessed over winter

### **General**

- Remaining barriers added to EA Agency mid-term plan and 6 year plan. Also added ongoing habitat works added to plans.
- Updated barrier list – focus Camel & Fowey after W4G
- UST works ongoing – 1km of fencing either completed or being contracted
- On-going water quality sampling -generally after rainfall events

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**SWRA meetings**

The chairman reported on the recent October meeting. Of mnote was that a new British canoeing charter is being published in November. Also of interest is ther fact that a Beaver dam has been found in the upper Inny. The general feeling was that it wouldn't be too long before beavers spread to many of our rivers and headwaters. John Tisdale had reported on current issues in the Cornish IFCA and will update the FRA at the next meeting.

8 **Next meeting**

Committee

9<sup>th</sup> January 2019