Minutes of Heritors Meeting

7pm November 28, 2024

Abercairny Stables, Abercairny Estate

**Present:** Mr J Guest (JG), Mr H Grierson (HG), Mrs A Moray Parker (AMP), Mr G Buckingham (GB), Mr K Emptage (KE), Mrs E Roberts, (ER) Wing Com G Roberts (GR), Mr T Clark (TC), Mr A Hale (AH), Mrs C Hale (CH), Mr W Dove (WD),

**In Attendance:** Mr I Roy (IR), Mrs H Roy (HR).

**Apologies:** Mr R Simpson, Mrs M A Blackburn, Mrs M Mair, Mrs F Dove, Mr J England.

**Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:** Minutes circulated at meeting and approved by JG and WD. Now shared to website.

**Condition of the Pow:** JG Reported Ian Ralston was not able to make good the bank below the Ardbennie burn due to delays in obtaining sufficient crash barrier to repair the bank revetting damaged by the bank slippage. Crash barrier has now been obtained and the plan is for the work  to be done in 2025. The replacement of the culvert where the Ardbennie burn joins the Pow is also to be carried out at the same time as the adjacent  bank repair in 2025.

KE reported there is a beaver dam behind Balgowan and there are concerns regarding flooding following removal of trees – passed to Commissioner’s meeting.

**Financial position:** IR reported that the current balance in the bank account was £44,863 but an invoice from Ian Ralston of £8,767.20 had just been received and has now been paid.

**Debtors:** Since July over £14,000 has been collected from outstanding debtors. Once invoices are received from Savill’s the remainder will be referred to Macnabs for collection.

It was approved that HR could mail all invoices in April by 2nd Class Post.

**Any other Business:** AH raised the issue of the spread of Himalayan Balsam on the banks of the Pow and the felling of the trees on the Gask Estate. He noted that Himalayan Balsam was a non native & invasive species and asked if the Commissioners had plans to control its spread. He also feared that the felling of trees would lead to more run off increasing the flood risk on the Pow and specifically to the houses at Balgowan. He asked what the Commissioners could do about it.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Date of next meeting is 1 May 2025 at Abercairny Stables, Abercairny Estate.

HG closed the meeting.