

TAYSIDE BEAVER GROUP INAUGURAL MEETING

Location: SNH Battleby Office, in the Birch Room

Date: Thursday 3 May

Time: 12:30 for lunch (*I would urge all please to come to lunch to give us a chance to meet each other informally before the start of the business meeting*).

Start of business meeting: 13:15

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introduction to the group
2. Individual introductions: interest of individuals and their respective organisations, and expectations of the group.
3. Agreement of procedures/protocols for conduct of group meetings.
4. Agreement of Terms of Reference (*see draft attached as the basis of discussion*)
5. Existing/ongoing studies:
 - What relevant studies have already been done or are being done in Knapdale and elsewhere (list to be provided for the meeting):
6. In the light of the existing work, what are the study opportunities in Tayside in the time available?
 - *e.g - Evidence for effects on surrounding land uses and interests (agriculture, forestry, fishing, flood defences) in a more inhabited/worked environment*
 - *Socio-economic effects (building on work done in Knapdale).*
 - *genetic studies of beavers in Tayside and in captive groups.*
 - *Checking for parasites/health/reproduction rates*
7. Management of study contracts / contributions in kind.
 - *SNH budget*
 - *Oversight of study specifications*
8. Management of conflict
 - *What is the actual role of the group as well as individual organisations. – eg working with managers to produce guidance and find solutions*

- *Practical approach – who is responsible; who to be involved and how?*
- *Testing management methods used elsewhere eg from Bavaria.*

9. Gathering material to report to the Minister in May 2015.

10. AOB

11. Date of next meeting – possible site visit.