

## **A mediated meeting took place at the Headquarters of The Moray Council on 8 June 2016 between the parties:**

- Martin Gauld and Peter Boulton, representing the interests of those who engage in wildfowl shooting at Findhorn Bay, and;
- Lisa Mead and Louis Bezuidenhout, representing the interests of those desiring curtailment / containment of wildfowl shooting at Findhorn bay.

Also present were observers/advisers:

- Councillors John Cowe and Anne Skene, Mr Pat Carroll and Mr Roy Dennis, both of Findhorn, and;
- Mediators/facilitators, Martin Kirwan and Glen Dunn, both officers of the Moray Council.

As a result of the respectful, patient and constructive participation of all parties, and the invaluable advice and perspectives of the observers and advisers, an agreement was built. This is summarised below.

The previous “No shooting zone” was all places North of the line which runs from the boat house/jetty (Point A on attached map) directly eastward to the other side of the bay.

### **The agreement**

The **new agreed** “No shooting” areas are as below.

#### **On Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays:**

there will be no shooting at any time North and East of Line 1 which runs from Point A to Point B on the attached map. This includes that land on the North side of the caravan park burn. (That is, all places North & East of Line 1 as if continued overland.)

#### **On Mondays and Tuesdays:**

there will be no shooting at any time North and East of Line 2, which runs from Point A to Point C on attached map. This includes no shooting from/on all places North & East of Line 2 as if continued overland.

#### **On all 6 ‘shooting days’**

No shooting generally in the east of the bay after 10.00 am and certainly no shooting after 10.00 am North and East of Line 2 as if continued overland.

Martin and Peter will communicate with all shooting participants with whom they have influence to encourage that those people respect and implement this agreement. Where possible club rules, codes, etc. to reflect this agreement.

Martin and Peter will encourage all shooting participants to exhibit that safe and considerate behaviour that the substantial majority already practise.

Lisa and Louis will communicate with their supporters and encourage them to respect and implement this agreement. Lisa and Louis will request their supporters to refrain from harassing or impeding shooting participants while those engage in their lawful sport. This term of the agreement should **not** be interpreted as any kind of assertion or acknowledgement that such harassment has, to date, taken place.

Lisa and Louis will withdraw their petition for the duration of this agreement.

This agreement will run for the whole of the 2016/2017 shooting season. This agreement was achieved by:

- Martin and Peter agreeing to **very substantially** curtail the shooting in which they currently lawfully engage in Findhorn, and;
- Lisa and Louis agreeing to **very substantially** moderate their pursuit of their legitimate objectives regarding the regulation of shooting in Findhorn.

### **Other matters**

This agreement implies some further work (regarding for example signage, public notices) and further agreement as to how the agreement should be protected / monitored.

### **The map**

Point A is OS Grid Ref. NJ 03275 63512)

Point B is OS Grid Ref. NJ 05525 62352)

Point C is OS Grid Ref. NJ 05575 61650)

