

# Laide and Aultbea Community Woodland Annual General Meeting 26 Oct 2020

## Minutes

This is the first AGM to be held under the present Covid-19 restrictions. OSCR has stated that a video conference is an acceptable method of conducting an AGM, even if the method is not stated in LACW Governing Documents.

The meeting was started at 19:05 on Mon 26 Oct 2020.

The meeting had been convened by email sent on 01 Oct 2020 to all members. The email contained:

The agenda

Copy of previous accounts ending 31st May 2020

Copy of the previous minutes

Copy of proxy voting form.

Hard copy members were sent the agenda, a copy of the previous minutes, a proxy voting form and an invitation to attend a drop in session in the Portakabin in the main car park on Sat 17 Oct between 1430 and 1530 to examine the accounts and any other documents they would wish to see. Covid-19 restrictions were observed.

A notice also appeared in issue 20 of the GDT informing the general public and asking for interested parties wishing to attend to contact us.

Online during the meeting were:

John Rippin  
Aileen Rippin  
Harry Burn  
Gill Burn  
Antony Hall  
Chloe Hall  
Ken Smith  
Ruth Smith

Peter Henderson  
Mary Henderson  
Pat Brunton  
Andrew Townsend

As more than 10 voting members were present, the meeting was deemed quorate and proceeded.

Apologies were received from:

Tony Carpenter  
John Bramham  
Lyndsay Friend  
Jean Lyndsay

Fiona Mackenzie  
Gregory Chambers  
Stan Miller  
Janet Barclay

1. **Approval of previous Minutes**

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Proposed: Harry Burn  
Seconded: Peter Henderson

2. **The Chairman's Report was given by John Rippin and covered the following:**

- a. Compartment 4  
b. The schedule  
c. Covid-19  
d. Summary  
e. Looking ahead

3. **Treasurers Report**

- a. Antony Hall detailed the state of finances for LACW to 31 May 2020. A copy of the accounts has been distributed to all members and a drop in session made available for internet access
- these without

4. **Resolutions**

3 (three) eligible proxy votes were received nominating the Chairman, or failing him, the Vice Chairman, as their proxy, with no restrictions imposed.

**Resolution 1/2020** Those Directors having served the longest to stand down and seek re-election (Article 32)

Standing Down: Geoff Dalzell  
John Bramham  
Peter Henderson

For re-election John Bramham  
Peter Henderson

Proposed: John Rippin  
Seconded: Harry Burn

**APPROVED**

the **Resolution 2/2020** Directors having been appointed by the trustees since the last AGM now up for election by members (Article 37)

Election Ken Smith  
Ant Hall

Proposed: Peter Henderson  
Seconded: Harry Burn

**APPROVED**

**Resolution 3/2020** Office bearers voted in for a one year term AGM to AGM

Chairman John Rippin  
Vice-Chairman Harry Burn  
Treasurer Ant Hall  
Secretary Ken Smith

Proposed: John Rippin  
Seconded: Peter Henderson

**APPROVED**

**Resolution 4/2020** Motion to accept the accounts for year ending 31 May 2020 (Article 56.6)

Proposed: Ant Hall  
Seconded: John Rippin

**APPROVED**

5. **Any other business**

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 1920 on 26 Oct 2020

6. **Closing statement**

The Chairman closed with the following statement:

on thanks I must put on record how impressive the team of volunteers have worked this year under difficult conditions and with our time so restricted with an early lock down. Their endeavors have meant the woodland development programme has gone ahead and we are schedule with new projects now on a busy agenda. My personal to them all.

Finally before we close. This year has seen several retirements and our thanks go to Jan Barclay, Geoff Dalzell, Kevin Ginty, Peter Jarosz and Aidan Bell who have put in sterling work over many years bringing the wood to the stage it is today, offering pleasure to all who use it.

A short photo compilation was then shown, highlighting the work over the previous year.