

Laide & Aultbea Community Woodland
Annual General Meeting
Zoom Meeting
Friday 28 Oct 2022

Minutes

The meeting commenced at 1901 with personnel present online via a video link.

Apologies

Murdo McLeod
Antony Hall
Chloe Hall

In Attendance

John Rippin	Peter Henderson
Harry Burn	Mary Henderson
Gill Burn	John Brahman
Ken Smith	Louise Brahman
Ruth Smith	David Woods
Chris Stones	Janet Woods

There being more than 10 members in attendance, a quorum was present

Proxy forms sent from members living in the area of benefit and entitled to vote were received from:

Jean Lindsey
Betty Dwyer
Sally Richards
Philip Richards

Approval of previous minutes

Proposed: HB
Seconded: PH

The previous minutes were approved unanimously

A Report from the Chair

The Chair gave a brief on the activities conducted between June 2021 and the end of May 2022. It had been a challenging year, but much has been done. The year has been a success, including the commemoration of the Queens

Platinum Jubilee and the ongoing replacement of the bridges throughout the wood, which have been in place for 17 years. The sourcing of the wood for the bridges locally, from Inverewe Gardens in Poolewe has continued a long and valuable working relationship.

A carved pine cone was commissioned for the award for the winner of our category in Scotland's Finest Woodlands and has been installed near the Main Car Park.

This award, along with the Queens Award for Voluntary Service awarded in July 2019 means we have achieved the fullest recognition available for an organisation of our type.

With firewood sales continuing to go well, it has been decided that in light of the current financial difficulties many people find themselves in, the Wood will not increase its firewood prices for the forthcoming season.

The new website has been set up and is now online and available.

A concern was raised about the lack of new volunteers and the increasing burden being placed on the existing volunteers.

A copy of the Report from the Chair in full will be posted on the LACW website

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave a breakdown of the state of the Woods finances, with the accounts for the FY 2021/2022 having been examined and passed by the accountants. These have been posted online and copies sent off to both OSCR and Companies House.

A list of the major outlays this FY was also given, including new interpretation boards and timber from the NTS at Poolewe. A significant amount was also used for training and the purchase of new tools.

Given the healthy state of LACW finances, we are able to cover our basic overheads for several years to come, even allowing for no further income. If one of our major equipment items needed to be replaced, we can replace it without going below our preferred minimum reserves level.

A simplified set of accounts was shown giving the FY expenditure against income showing we are in a very healthy position with all of our funds being unrestricted with no caveats to their use

The formal part of the meeting took place, as this was a virtual meeting and the host was unable to see all those present on screen the vote was taken verbally in the following manner. All those in favour say "aye" followed by a second request, all those against say "no". If anyone was against the resolu-

tion, those present would be asked individually how they voted, giving a count for and against.

Resolution No. 1/2022

Proposed Harry Burn Seconded by John Bramham

In accordance with Article 32 Ken Smith and Peter Henderson directors having served longest since re-election retire at this meeting and are nominated for reappointment.

Carried unanimously

Resolution No. 2/2022

Proposed by John Bramham seconded by Peter Henderson

The following Office Bearers are nominated for re-appointment by the members :-

John Rippin	Chair
Harry Burn	Vice Chair
Kenneth Smith	Secretary
John Rippin	Treasurer

Carried unanimously

Resolution No. 3/2022

Proposed by John Rippin and Seconded by Ken Smith

That the accounts for year ending May 31st 2022 be accepted by the membership as a true and accurate record of our income and expenditure

Carried unanimously

Any other Business

There being no other business, the Chair concluded by giving a statement of thanks to everyone for their hardwork through the year.

The video format of meeting will be used in future, theoretically enabling members far and near to participate.

The AGM closed at 1933