

## Alnwick & District Natural History Society AGM Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

Approximately 35 members were present.

1. Coral opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to the 53<sup>rd</sup> AGM. An unusual meeting as we were without either President or Chairman.
2. Apologies received from Lorna Granlund, Gill Starkey, David Bonser, Graham Bell, Michael & Carole Sergeant and Susan Bell.
3. The minutes of the last AGM (3/3/16) were circulated and accepted as an accurate record. [Proposed by Richard Poyer, Seconded by Margaret Mayfield.]
4. In the absence of a Chairman, Coral presented a report on the last year. She noted good attendances at both indoor and outdoor meetings, reviewing topics covered and locations visited.  
Thanks were expressed to Peter for taking on the role of Minutes Secretary, Gill for her work as Treasurer, Valerie for organising the raffle, Julie for taking over refreshments duties and to all for their support over recent, very difficult, months.  
Thanks were also expressed to Lorna Granlund who has been our President for the last few years and was a founding member of the Society in 1964. Following her resignation, the Committee have decided to hold over the position of President for the time being.
5. The Treasurer's report was circulated and accepted. In Gill's absence, Coral noted the healthy bank balance meaning there was no need for increased membership fees. Thanks were expressed to our auditor, Michael Sergeant.
6. Election of Officers:  
Chairman: Coral Turnbull – proposed by Richard Poyer, seconded by David Brackley. There were no other nominations and the proposal was unanimously agreed.  
In the absence of other nominations, the other Committee posts remain as Treasurer – Gill Starkey, Minutes Secretary – Peter Burnham, Programme Secretary – Coral Turnbull.  
David Bonser was proposed as a new Committee member to join existing members Valerie Colgan, Julie Roper, David Brackley, Philip Hanmer and Richard Poyer.
7. Minor modifications to the Constitution were proposed and accepted. The reference to 'Meeting Secretary' was replaced by 'Programme Secretary'. Various other minor formatting/spelling changes were made when typing up the constitution, which is now available on the Society web site.
8. Whilst many members contributed to the Chitipani Trust when John Almond died, it was felt that there should be some recognition of his enormous contribution to the Society over the past 46 years. The Committee would welcome any suggestions on this matter.
9. A list of summer walks will be made available at the April meeting.
10. The meeting was closed at 19:50.