

## Meeting Minutes – Geopark Annual General Meeting – 17/10/20

### Meeting Information

Objective:	AGM		
Date:	17/10/2020	Time:	13.00
Location:	Via Zoom	Meeting Type:	AGM
Called By:	Iain Young (Acting Chair)	Facilitator:	Iain Young (Acting Chair)
Note Taker:	Pete Harrison	Submitted by:	Pete Harrison
Board Members in Attendance:	Iain Young (Acting Chair) <b>(IY)</b> , Jean Mackay <b>(JM)</b> , Murdo MacPherson <b>(MM)</b> , Ann Macleod <b>(AM)</b> , Don Campbell <b>(DC)</b> , Natasha Hutchison <b>(NH)</b> , David Macleod <b>(DM)</b> , Elisabeth Tønsberg <b>(ET)</b> and Malcolm Bangor-Jones <b>(MBJ)</b>		
Other Attendees:	Laura Hamlet <b>(LH)</b> , Pete Harrison <b>(PH)</b> and 31 non members		
Members in Attendance:	Angus Marland, Julien Moreau, Tim Hamlet, Richard Trevor, David Slator, Vanessa Ling, Alistair MacKay, Fran Harrison, Sue Agnew, Nigel Carr, Meryl Carr, Lynda McKenna, Brendan O' Hanrahan, Andrew Duncan, Andy Moffat, John Hedger and Helen O' Keefe		
Apologies:	Graham Wild		
Proxies Received:	A. MacLeod		
Approved by:	DM approved and AM seconded at AGM 23/10/2021		

## Agenda

### Agenda Items

1. Welcome and appointment of tellers IY
2. Roll Call LH
3. Apologies IY
4. Approval of previous [minutes](#) IY
5. Matters arising IY
6. Reports
  - a. Chair's Introduction
  - b. [Coordinator's report](#) LH
  - c. [Geologist's report](#) PH
7. The receipt of the Company's annual [accounts and reports](#) AD?
8. The fixing of members' annual subscriptions IY
9. The election of the Board members IY
  - a. Nominees:
    - i. [Jean MacKay](#)
    - ii. [David MacLeod](#)

Any Other Competent Business

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## Minute

1. Introductions & Apologies as above

Iain Young as Acting Chair thanked the Scottish Geological Trust and Edinburgh Geological Society for facilitating the use of zoom for the AGM. LH and NH to act as tellers if need be and PH to minute.

2. Roll Call

LH carried out a roll call of members. There were 29 present as listed above and hence the meeting was quorate.

3. Apologies

Graham Wild

4. Approval of AGM minutes January 2020.

These were accepted. Proposed by MM and seconded AM.

## 5. Matters Arising

No matters arising

## 6. Reports:

IY thanked the team running the charity, both officers and volunteers. He appreciates much volunteer time goes in. Thanks, were given to the directors who had retired, Richard Trevor, Michael Simpson and Jacquelyn Jennett. Thanks, were also given to the administrator, Joanne Clark, who left for new opportunities abroad during the year. New members joined the director team, with Jean MacKay and David MacLeod re-joining the board and new members Natasha Hutchison representing Lochbroom and Sarah Maclean representing Tongue.

The Heritage Lottery Funded project looking at several aspects of governance is coming to an end with some items still overtake. Contractors have assisted in this process and it should complete in the spring 2021.

b) LH gave a full report, which can be accessed from the link in the agenda above. 2020 has been affected by Covid restrictions, including not opening the Rock Stop and restricting activity in the field. Manage and Finance objectives have been the main focus. Alastair Mitchell has produced text on the scientific controversy that took place in the 19th century and Chris McNeill has placed these on the website linking with other information. A video to accompany this is in production. There are now 83 friends of the geopark, plans for the new Ranger's Hut at Clachtoll are progressing and the Coigach Geotrail is undergoing a revision. Plans to establish Ambassadors for the geopark are progressing.

c) PH gave a report on aspects of his work during the year. See the link from the agenda above. Two short tours had progressed in September but in general all other activity was postponed to 2021.

## 7. Financial Report & Annual Accounts

Thanks, were extended to Andrew Duncan for continuing beyond his commitment to complete the first 6 months of 2020, whilst a new treasurer was found. Andrew emphasised the drop in reserves, which has continued during the 2020 summer season due to Covid related issues.

The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by AM and seconded by DC and accepted by all.

A new treasurer is in the process of appointment.

## 8. Members Subscription

The proposal to keep the members subscription at £0 was accepted by all.

## 9. Confirmation of Board Composition in 2020. Election of Directors.

Two co-opted directors were now standing for election.

Jean MacKay proposed by IY and seconded by Andrew Duncan

David MacLeod was proposed by IY and seconded by ET

The current community council directors are  
Assynt Community Council Representative – Malcolm Bangor-Jones  
Coigach Community Council Representative – Ann Macleod  
Durness Community Council Representative – Don Campbell  
Kinlochbervie Community Council Representative – Murdo MacPherson  
Lochbroom Community Council Representative – Natasha Hutchison  
Scourie Community Council Representative – Elisabeth Tønsberg  
Tongue Community Council Representative – Sarah Maclean

#### 10. AOCB

None.

Meeting closed at 13.40