



## Yorkshire Naturalists' Union

Charity 224018

Minutes of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union Annual General Meeting, held at Function Hall, St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road, Far Headingley, Leeds LS16 5JT, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

### 1. Welcome

John Bowers of Leeds Naturalists' Club & Scientific Association gave the welcome address and warmly welcomed members and affiliated societies to Leeds.

### 2. Members present:

Andy Godfrey (Chair), Andy Millard (Minutes Secretary), Phyl Abbott, Judith Allinson, Michael Archer, John Bowers, Gavin Boyd, Catherine Burton, Terry Crawford, Peter Flint, Sharon Flint, Don Grant, Andrew Grayson, Colin Howes, Paula Lightfoot, Susie Millard, Jane Pottas, Mark Seaward, Peter Tannett, Christopher Young.

Members from fourteen affiliated societies were present: Bradford Botany Group, Butterfly Conservation Yorkshire Branch, Castleford Naturalists' Society, Craven Conservation Group, Doncaster Naturalists' Society, Leeds Naturalists' Club and Scientific Association, Mid-Yorkshire Fungus Group, Ryedale Natural History Society, Sorby Natural History Society, Thorne & Hatfield Moors Conservation Forum, Wharfedale Naturalists' Society, Whitby Naturalists' Club, Yorkshire Conchological Society, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

### 3. Apologies for Absence

John Armitage, Roy Crossley, Geoffrey Fryer, Barry Warrington, Jill Warwick, Simon Warwick, Ken White, Sarah White, Terry Whitaker.

### 4. In memoriam

The meeting stood for one minute's silence in memory of the following members, who had died since the last AGM: Mrs Jeanette Clapham (died in June 2017 but the YNU was only notified in January 2018), Mr Albert Henderson, Mr Clifford Pilling, Mr Leo Robinson.

### 5. Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were accepted and approved. Proposed by Paula Lightfoot, seconded by Terry Crawford and accepted *nem. con.*

### 6. Annual Report and Accounts

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairman, Andy Godfrey, presented the Annual Report and Financial Statements, which are available for reading on the Charity Commission website. The acceptance of the report was proposed by Paula Lightfoot, seconded by Sharon Flint and accepted *nem. con.*

## **7. Appointment of Auditors**

Andy Godfrey formally proposed that Crumpton & Co., Chartered Accountants of 682 Anlaby Road, Hull HU3 6UZ be appointed as YNU auditors for the next financial year, seconded by Andy Millard and agreed *nem con*.

## **8. Election of Trustees**

Three trustees were standing for re-election and were nominated at the 13<sup>th</sup> October Executive meeting: Peter Flint, proposed by Andy Millard and seconded by Paula Lightfoot; Andy Millard, proposed by Andy Godfrey and seconded by Terry Whitaker; Jill Warwick, proposed by Andy Godfrey and seconded by Paula Lightfoot. In addition, subsequent to the last Executive meeting, two additional trustees were nominated to fill the remaining vacancies on the Executive: Becky Bailey, proposed by Jill Warwick and seconded by Paula Lightfoot; Sharon Flint, proposed by John Bowers and seconded by Andy Godfrey. All five nominations were elected *nem. con*.

## **9. Election of President Elect**

At the 13<sup>th</sup> October Executive meeting Terry Whitaker proposed Judith Allinson as President of the YNU for 2020, seconded by Peter Flint. In the absence of TW this was formally put to the meeting by PF and approved *nem. con*.

## **10. Any other business.**

- It was reported that at its 3<sup>rd</sup> February meeting the Executive had confirmed the conferring of Honorary Membership on John Bowers as a token of their great appreciation for his years of excellent and dedicated work as Chairman.
- Andy Godfrey notified the meeting of vacancies on the Editorial Board of *The Naturalist* and requested that anyone interested contact an existing member of the Board. Subsequent to the meeting Peter Flint agreed to join the Board.

Andy Millard (Minutes Secretary)