



Yorkshire Naturalists' Union

Charity 224018

Minutes of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union Annual General Meeting, held at Whitby Museum, Pannett Park, Whitby, 9th November 2019

1. Welcome

Dr David Minter of Whitby Naturalists' Club gave the welcome address and warmly welcomed members and affiliated societies to Whitby.

2. Present:

Andy Millard (Chair)	Sharon Flint	'Eddy'	Kath Kershaw
Paula Lightfoot (Minutes)	Phillip Whelpdale	Stuart Purdie	Marshall Best
Terry Whitaker	Elizabeth Elliott	Sandra Purdie	Elaine Tranter
John Turner	Carole Sobkowiak	Gwyneth Richardson	Mike Bagshaw
Derek Risbey	Jim Pewtress	Mair Edmunds	Celia Doubleday
Fleur Miles	Mary Atkinson	Tony Kearsley	Marjorie Rhodes
Colin Howes	Alan Ritson	Carole Holmes	Margaret Heald
Geoff Oxford	Peter Tannett	Nigel Dixon	Martyn Cowell
Adrian Norris	Judith Allinson	Richard Pottas	Colin Howes
Terry Crawford	Andrew Grayson	Wendy Price	Judith Vasey
Ken White	Susie Millard	Lorna Ritson	Louise Robson
Sarah White	Jane Pottas	Rose Hudson	Joyce Stangoe
Peter Flint	Mark Seaward	Gihan Soliman	
	David Minter	Wendy English	
	Jean Broderick	Howard English	

Members from 14 affiliated societies were present:

Butterfly Conservation Yorkshire Branch	Natural England at Ingleborough NNR
Cleveland Naturalists' Field Club	Ryedale Natural History Society
Craven Conservation Group	Thorne & Hatfield Moors Conservation Forum
Darlington and Teesdale Naturalists' Field Club	Whitby Naturalists' Club
Doncaster Naturalists' Society	Yorkshire Conchological Society
Leeds Naturalists' Club and Scientific Association	Yorkshire Mammal Group
Mid-Yorkshire Fungus Group	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

3. Apologies for Absence

Becky Bailey, John Bowers, Roy Crossley, Andy Godfrey, Joyce Simmons, Paul Simmons, Jill Warwick, Simon Warwick.

4. In memoriam

The meeting stood for one minute's silence in memory of the following members, who had died since the last AGM:

Dr Barry Nattress, Mr Geoffrey Wilmore, Dr Brenda Hammerton, Mr Tony Ezard, Mr William Thompson, Dr Joyce Andrews, John Blackburn, Ian Lawrence, Colin Stephenson.

Additionally, Gordon Bristowe is now in a care home and unable to read the publications so has recently cancelled his membership. Gordon had enjoyed his time with the YNU and wanted to be remembered to the membership. Adrian Norris proposed making Gordon Bristowe an honorary member, seconded by Peter Flint and agreed *nem. con.*

5. Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM held on the 2nd February 2019 were accepted and approved. Proposed by Peter Flint, seconded by Adrian Norris and accepted *nem. con.*

6. Annual Report and Accounts

The Treasurer, Guy Baragwanath, presented the Annual Report and Financial Statements, which will shortly be available for reading on the Charity Commission website. The acceptance of the report was proposed by Terry Crawford, seconded by Terry Whitaker and accepted *nem. con.* If anyone has any suggestions as to how the YNU should use their financial reserves to further their charitable objects, please contact Andy Millard. This will be discussed at the next Executive meeting.

7. Appointment of Auditors

Adrian Norris 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 Peter Flint and agreed *nem. con.*

8. Election of Trustees

Two trustees were standing for re-election and were nominated at the 12th October Executive meeting: Andy Godfrey, proposed by Andy Millard and seconded by Becky Bailey, and Terry Whitaker, proposed by Becky Bailey and seconded by Andy Millard. One additional trustee was nominated to fill a vacancy on the Executive: Phillip Whelpdale, proposed by Andy Millard and seconded by Terry Whitaker. John Bowers and Paula Lightfoot are not standing for re-election for another three-year term. Peter Flint and Sharon Flint have resigned from the Executive. All nominations were elected *nem. con.* There are currently vacancies for three trustees. Anyone interested should contact Andy Millard.

9. Election of President Elect

Andy Millard proposed Barry Warrington as President of the YNU for 2021, seconded by Sharon Flint and approved *nem. con.*

10. Any other business.

Terry Whitaker expressed thanks on behalf of the YNU to the Museum Tea Room staff for opening on Saturday and providing a very good lunch and coffee. Mark Seaward thanked everyone involved in organising today's meetings. Terry Crawford thanked Paula Lightfoot for her support of the YNU.

Andy Millard is putting together the 2020 membership card and would like to hear from anyone organising field meetings, particularly botanical meetings.

Paula Lightfoot (Minutes Secretary)