



Yorkshire Naturalists' Union

Charity 224018

Minutes of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union Annual General Meeting, held at The Wolfson Room, Bramall Learning Centre, RHS Harlow Carr, Harrogate, 18th November 2017

1. Welcome

Steve Worwood of Harrogate & District Naturalists' Society gave the welcome address and warmly welcomed members and affiliated societies to Harrogate.

2. Members present:

Andy Godfrey (Chair), Andy Millard (Minutes Secretary), Phyl Abbott, Michael Archer, Jane Baddeley, Alan Braddock, Catherine Burton, Terry Crawford, Roy Crossley, Elizabeth Elliott, Darren Faucett, Peter Flint, Sharon Flint, Nick Gaunt, Davinder Godfrey, Audrey Gramshaw, Margaret Hartley, Tom Higginbottom, David Holmes, Valerie Holmes, Roger Key, Rosy Key, Helen Leitch, Paula Lightfoot, Geoffrey Morries, Geoff Oxford, Hannah Risser, Mark Seaward, Dick Shillaker, Carole Sobkowiak, Peter Tannett, Jill Warwick, Robert Colin Welch, Terry Whitaker, Sarah White, Ken White, Steve Worwood.

Members from nineteen affiliated societies were present: Butterfly Conservation Yorkshire Branch, Castleford Naturalists' Society, Craven Conservation Group, Darlington & Teesdale Naturalists' Field Club, Doncaster Naturalists' Society, Friends of Bowland, Harrogate and District Naturalists' Society, High Batts Nature Reserve, Hull Natural History Society, Leeds Naturalists' Club and Scientific Association, Lower Ure Conservation Trust, Mid-Yorkshire Fungus Group, Ryedale Natural History Society, Sorby Natural History Society, Wharfedale Naturalists' Society, Whitby Naturalists' Club, Yorkshire Conchological Society, Yorkshire Mammal Group, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

3. Apologies for Absence

Margaret Atherden, John Bowers, Charlie Fletcher, Albert Henderson, Colin Howes, John Mather, John Newbould, Adrian Norris, Barry Warrington, Simon Warwick, Kate Wright, Christopher Young.

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 Richard (Sandy) Baker, Dr D E Caulton, Mrs J Clapham, Dr M S Gosden, Mr Edward Little, Mrs Pauline Nicholson.

5. Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM held on the 5th of November 2016 were accepted and approved. Proposed by Jill Warwick, seconded by Roger Key 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 Stephen Worwood 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

There were two vacancies for trustees. The following had been nominated at the last executive meeting on 7 October 2017: Terry Whitaker was proposed by Sarah White and seconded by Paula Lightfoot. Barry Warrington, who was standing for re-election, was proposed by Paula Lightfoot and seconded by Sarah White. Both were elected *nem. con.* Sharon Flint was confirmed as remaining a co-opted member of the Executive Committee.

9. Election of President Elect

Paula Lightfoot proposed Jane Pottas as President of the YNU for 2019, seconded by Roger Key and approved *nem. con.*

10. Any other business.

- Terry Crawford questioned the absence of the Yorkshire Conchological Society from the list of organisations affiliated to the YNU. It was thought that the YCS was now effectively a section of the YNU rather than an affiliated organisation.
NOTE. Subsequent to the AGM it was determined that in 2015 the YCS decided to abolish the post of Treasurer and donate all its funds to the YNU in return for remaining an affiliated society but without paying an affiliation fee, for as long as the YCS existed.
- It was noted that Adrian Norris had been a recorder since 1967 and those present at the AGM wished to give him their very grateful thanks for his long-standing and distinguished service to the YNU.
- It was also noted after the meeting by members of the Executive Committee that Albert Henderson had given many years of sterling and dedicated service as a trustee and, on behalf of the YNU, the Executive Committee wished to convey their very grateful thanks to Albert.

Andy Millard (Minutes Secretary)