

Arnside and Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Landscape Trust



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Friday 3rd June

at 7.30p.m., Heron Theatre, Beetham

1. Apologies for Absence:

Lucy Barron, Leslie Edkins, Stephen Read, Val and Malcolm Stevens, Peter Stevens, Ian Henderson, Robyn Greaves, Jill Smith.
54 members were present.

2. Minutes of AGM 12th June 2015:

These were accepted as a true record and signed as such by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising:

There were none.

4. Chairman's report:

The full text is available on the Landscape Trust webpage. Colin Peacock again praised the high quality of Keer to Kent and the Events programme. He confirmed that he is standing down as Chairman and hoped that his successor, whom he expected would be Fiona Allan, the only nomination, would be welcomed and supported by the Trust as he had been. He thanked the volunteers as a whole for their input and support of him during his tenure and expressed gratitude to the managing committee and fellow officers in helping him to relinquish his post with the charity in such good condition. He described the many and varied managerial, administrative and practical jobs which had been accomplished during the last five years. The presentation was well received and the meeting applauded the departing chairman with vigour.

Questions were invited but there were none.

5. Treasurer's report

A copy of the accounts for the year ending March 2016 is available on the webpage. Ray Anslow gave a positive report on the Trust's financial position, explaining that the independent examiner had recommended a change in the accounting for advertisers' charges causing a small one off anomaly in the current set of accounts. He explained that £6000 was being held against reserves expenditure in the future, being, in effect, profit from the ELS/HLS grant schemes etc., due to so much of the work having been done by

volunteers. Indeed, he explained that the new members' database allowed the calculation of volunteer hours and these amounted to 3,000 in the last financial year. This figure includes only practical volunteering on reserves and takes no account of other work done by trustees/officers and organisers of events, Keer to Kent matters etc.

A proposal by Ray Anslow, seconded by Ann Kitchen, to accept the accounts was passed nem.con.

Recommendation for membership fee rate – no change proposed

Amendment to the constitution – section 10 (1):

It was proposed by Ray Anslow and seconded by Ann Kitchen that:

“A Vice-Chairman be appointed annually to serve for one year by election at the AGM as an additional formal officer but be elected from within the serving trustees (or one elected at the AGM)”.

Amendment to the Constitution - section 13.4, cheque signatories. Addition of new signatory:

It was proposed by Ray Anslow and seconded by Ann Kitchen that:

“Cheques must be signed by two of the four Officials of the Trust, namely Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer appointed at the Annual General Meeting.”

Both amendments were carried nem. con.

The amended constitution is available on the Trust's website.

There were no questions.

6. Secretary's report:

A full copy of this is available on the Trust's webpage. In addition to its content, Mike Warren explained that the year had been one of consolidation and stability and that there were no matters not well covered by other reports which he needed to mention. He took the opportunity to publicise a talk and a walk he and his wife are organising celebrating the coincidental 30th anniversary of the Landscape Trust and St John's Hospice which has been a parallel passion for many years.

There were no questions.

7. Election of Officers and Committee members (trustees):

Chairman: Fiona Allan

Proposed: Colin Peacock, Seconded: Andrew Greenwood, elected nem.con.

Treasurer: Ray Anslow

Secretary: Michael Warren

Both re-elected nem. con.

Trustee/Vice Chairman: Colin Peacock

Proposed: Fiona Allan, Seconded: Peter Stevens, elected nem.con.

8. Reappointment of Independent Examiner:

Ray Anslow recommended that Peter Bates, be re-appointed. Agreed nem.con.

9. Any Other Business:

There was none

10. Date and Time of Next Annual General Meeting:

Friday 2nd June 2017, 7.30p.m. at the Heron Theatre, Beetham.

Signed as a correct record, Fiona Allan, chairman.....

2nd June 2017