

## **Minutes of the Orkney Field Club AGM – October 2021**

### **Introduction**

Orkney Field Club was unable to hold its normal in-person Annual General Meeting due to the ongoing Covid pandemic. After due consideration we felt that holding it by 'Zoom' or 'Teams' may also exclude a proportion of our members. We therefore held it by email / post, thus enabling the entire membership to have the opportunity to take part.

### **Methodology**

The AGM was held over a period of time from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October to its conclusion on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October. At the start of the period all members were emailed, or posted, the following : a) the minutes of the 2020 AGM, b) the Chair's summary of the year's activities and c) the Treasurer's report and accounts for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 for their consideration. Members were invited to submit any questions or comments and to make nominations for the committee.

### **Nominations**

The committee can be a maximum of 15 people. Those standing down from the committee were – Sydney Gauld and Reuben Johnston and both were thanked for all their work.

Nine current committee members were prepared to stand again - Helen Aiton (current vice-chair), John Crossley (current Chair), Anne Gascoigne, Keith Fairclough, Penny Martin, Brian Ribbands (current Treasurer), Megan Taylor (current Secretary but standing down from that role), Jenny Taylor and Alexandra Wright.

### **Response from Members**

No questions or objections were received.

## **Nominations**

The nominations for the committee were as follows:

**Helen Aiton** (nominated Megan Taylor, seconded Penny Martin)

**John Crossley** (nominated Jenny Taylor, seconded Megan Taylor)

**Keith Fairclough** (nominated Penny Martin, seconded John Crossley)

**Anne Gascoigne** (nominated Megan Taylor, seconded Helen Aiton)

**Michael Gee** (nominated Megan Taylor, seconded Jenny Taylor)

**Penny Martin** (nominated Anne Gascoigne, seconded Helen Aiton)

**Jamie Moloney** (nominated John Crossley, seconded Megan Taylor)

**Brian Ribbands** (nominated Jenny Taylor, seconded Megan Taylor)

**Jenny Taylor** (nominated Helen Aiton, seconded John Crossley)

**Megan Taylor** (nominated Helen Aiton, seconded Penny Martin)

**Graeme Walker** (nominated John Crossley, seconded Jenny Taylor)

**Alexandra Wright** (nominated Anne Gascoigne, seconded Penny Martin)

All were thus elected onto the committee.

## **Overall Acceptance of Papers and Accounts**

The Accounts were proposed for approval by Graeme Walker and seconded by Megan Taylor. As part of the AGM, members were advised that unless the Secretary heard otherwise, OFC would assume the members' acceptance of the accounts, the other documents as previously circulated and the above nominations. No objections or suggestions for changes were received.

## **Subsequent Election of Officers**

At its first meeting (by Zoom) the committee elected John Crossley as Chair, Michael Gee as Vice-Chair, Graeme Walker as Secretary and Brian Ribbands as Treasurer.