

Minutes of the 2019 AGM of the Orkney Field Club held on 25th October, 2019 at St Magnus Centre in Kirkwall

Present and apologies: The meeting was attended by 29 members and 4 non-members. Apologies were received from John Crossley, Margaret Rinder, Jeanne and Dave Molyneux, Sue Arnold, Margaret Sutherland, Penny Martin, Alan Nelson and Alison Skene.

Chairman's Welcome and Report: The Chair, Graeme Walker, welcomed everyone and presented his report for the year. (Copies were available at the meeting). He highlighted the many events, almost 40 in all, held by or participated in by OFC in this the Club's 60th year. These included outdoor field trips, practical conservation, involvement in the Orkney Nature Festival and the Orkney Science Festival and an excellent programme of winter talks. We even left Orkney briefly for a trip to Duncansby Head. The annual bulletin was produced and distributed to our members. Communication with our membership continued through regular newsletters, emails, Facebook and our website.

Minutes of the 2018 AGM: Copies of these minutes were available at the meeting. There were no matters arising and the minutes of the 2018 AGM were approved on a proposal by Helen Aiton and seconded by Anne Gascoigne.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer, Brian Ribbands, presented the accounts to the meeting (Copies were available at the meeting). The accounts were proposed for approval by Megan Taylor and seconded by David Aiton.

Election of Committee: The Current Committee stood down and the President, Peter Slater, then took the Chair, thanking all the committee for the last year's work. The results of the election were as follows:

It was proposed that the remaining existing committee was re-elected (with the exception of Lindsey Taylor who is standing down). This was proposed by Kate Barrett and seconded by Kate Thomson. Existing Members (re-elected en bloc) were Helen Aiton, John Crossley, Alastair Forsyth, Anne Gascoigne, Sydney Gauld, Penny Martin, Brian Ribbands, Jenny Taylor and Graeme Walker. New members Reuben Johnston (proposed Sydney Gauld and seconded Anne Gascoigne) and Nigel Harding (proposed Helen Aiton and seconded Alastair Forsyth) were elected.

Date of Next AGM: to be agreed

The meeting was followed by a very well attended and enjoyable talk on establishing wildflower meadows by Eileen Summers.