

FINDHORN BAY LOCAL NATURE RESERVE AGM

JAMES MILNE INSTITUTE, FINDHORN ON TUESDAY 21ST JUNE 2016 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Pat Carrol	F&KCC	Chair
Mo Hyde	F&KCC	Vice chair
Ian Hampson	FAIRWAYS	Treasurer
Glen Buchanan	RFYC	
Cllr Lorna Creswell	MC	
Roy Dennis	HWC	
Bob Mackay	FNDWA	
Donald Muir	BASC	
Ian Suttie	ORNITHOLOGY	
Davina Thomas	FINDHORN V	Temp. secretary
Pete Finch	FF	
Colin Bell	MC	

APOLOGIES:

Richard Somers Cocks
Jen Heatley
David Willing

1. WELCOME:

Pat Carroll, as outgoing convener, welcomed 11 other members of the Committee and members of the public including Cllr Anne Skene, Tom Brown and Lisa Mead.

2. WILDFOWLING ISSUES:

A copy of 'Wildfowling Issues' written by Pat Carroll had been submitted to the members previous to the meeting and a brief discussion of the meeting at Moray Council on the 8th June followed:

Cllr A Skene stated that if no agreement could be reached in the mediated meeting/s the matter would go to a full Council meeting. It was accepted that the petitions were legitimate but Moray Council would not be able to impose a result.

Donald Muir complained that BASC had not been invited to the meeting. Cllr A Skene replied that the numbers had been restricted by the mediators and the mediation process.

Bob Mackay complained that accepting the mediated agreement should have lain with Martin Gauld not with 'wildfowling' or any organisation. Cllr A Skene replied that she thought that ways towards agreement could be organised.

Donald Muir said that there would still be policing problems and that he thought that Martin Gauld had prematurely released an unfinished document.

Lisa Mead found the 'agreement draft' unacceptable and thought that Martin Kerwin should have gone back to Martin Gauld.

Pat Carroll thought that the issue should go back to Moray Council, that the local wildfowling should be involved and that a voluntary system of policing would be impossible.

Roy Dennis thought that authority should be transferred to SATS.

3. MINUTES OF 2015 AGM

2015 Minutes accepted as accurate, Prop. Ian Suttie, Sec. Roy Dennis.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Funding received from Heritage Lottery and application made to Berryburn, bird hide renovated, hogweed spraying will continue (see 'Chairman's Remarks').

Ian Suttie reported that the sink hole on Netherton Bank has been filled in.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT:

Available on line and by printed copies at the meeting.

6. TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT:

Available on line and by printed copies at the meeting.

7. PROJECTS UNDERWAY:

A The BIRD HIDE has been renovated and is proving to be popular in spite of a caravan and generator problem. Bird info is available at the Heritage Centre, courtesy of Richard.

B The WEB SITE creation is ongoing.

C SIGNAGE not completed.

8. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/ CONVENER;

The election was managed by Cllr L Creswell and Roy Dennis was elected unopposed, Prop. Davina Thomas, Sec. Ian Hampson.

Mo Hyde remains as vice chair/convener as does Ian Hampson as Treasurer. A secretary will be arranged.

9. AOCB:

Bob Mackay asked us to remember the dangers of the Bay and seas and the recent tragic death of Frank Whyte who drowned while sailing, although nobody could have known more about wind and tide.

10 DONM:

28th Sept 2016.