

**FINDHORN BAY LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (FBLNR)**  
**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE JAMES MILNE INSTITUTE, FINDHORN AT 1900HRS ON**  
**THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2019**

Committee members present:

Roy Dennis (RHD) - Chair  
Mo Hyde (MoH) - Vice Chair, also representing Findhorn Heritage  
Mike Crutch (MC) - Secretary  
Bill Barber (WB), Findhorn Angling Club  
Glenn Buchanan (GB), Royal Findhorn Yacht Club  
Claire Feaver (CF), The Moray Council  
Pete Finch (PF), Findhorn Foundation  
Manja Hannon (MaH), Friends of Findhorn Bay  
Bob MacKay (RM), FNDWA  
Dr Colin Shedden (CS), BASC  
Richard Somers-Cocks (RSC), nature conservation/ornithology  
Ian Suttie (IS), nature conservation/ornithology  
Davina Thomas (DT), Findhorn Village Centre  
Alan Tissiman (AT), Forres Community Council

*Apologies: Colin Bell, Karen Cunningham, Jen Heatley*

### **1. Welcome**

RHD welcomed all for attending.

### **2. Minutes of the AGM 2018**

The minutes were accepted - proposed by DT, seconded by WB.

### **3. Chairman's Annual Report 2018-2019**

RHD stated that the FBLNR remains important location for wildlife. Data on bird numbers, through general observations as well as four official Wetland Birds (WeBs) counts through the year show that numbers overall either remain steady or even increase for some species; this bucks the downward trend at nearby coastal sites which are also covered by the WeBs effort. Highlight species for birds in the bay this past twelve months were single examples of Baird's Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper and Pacific Golden Plover.

RHD also commented that the raft to attract breeding tern species to the bay had been deployed but has had no success thus far, exacerbated by surface conditions. Elsewhere around the bay, the information board project had been completed (thanks go to the team involved once again) although two remain in storage as they have not been erected due to specific issues at the proposed sites.



## **5. Election of officers**

Roy Dennis was re-elected in as Chairman, proposed by MaH and seconded by GB.  
Mo Hyde was re-elected as Vice Chair, proposed by RSC and seconded by MC.

RHD also proposed that a Forres Community Council representative be appointed to the committee, as a significant portion of the reserve lies with their area of responsibility. Alan Tissiman will act in the role in the first instance and was welcomed. Proposed by MoH, seconded by DT.

## **6. Any other business**

None noted. The meeting was then brought to a close.

prepared by Mike Crutch, Secretary FBLNR MC