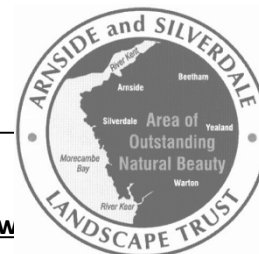


**The Landscape Trust; Arnside and Silverdale**  
**Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023 held on Wednesday 12th July**  
**7.30p.m. at the Heron Theatre Beetham**



**Steve Benner took the chair in the absence due to sickness of Fiona Allan (who was improving).**

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Fiona Allan; Pete Stevens; Lucy Barron; Margaret Pickup; Bob Pickup; Brian Hancock

Approximately 42 members were present.

2. **Minutes of AGM 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

These were **accepted and signed** as a correct record by show of hands, nem. con.

3. **Matters Arising**

There were none

4. **Chairman's report**

Fiona Allen wrote that it has been good to be able to attend things and meet in person at several events where members have been able to get together including the Autumn Lecture and Jacobs Join at Yealand Village Hall, the Spring Lecture at Arnside Educational Institute and hosting the Northern Hedge Laying Competition on Coldwell Parrock. In 2022 we worked more closely with the AONB for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year and shared events with them. – and intend to continue this in many respects. In the anniversary year of the AONB it hosted the national conference of AONBs and the Landscape Trust had the pleasure of hosting visits to our reserves and attending their events – culminating in their Anniversary Celebration Dinner at Leighton Hall. We continued to contribute to a range of meetings and liaisons with like-minded organisations in this AONB and we intend to continue and strengthen such collaborations.

She expressed gratitude to everyone who volunteers to help the functions of the Trust and we hope that everyone does get enjoyment from it. We have volunteers who work as teams and as individuals on the Reserves and keep them in good heart and people who contribute their enthusiasm and expertise to survey, count, advise and teach together with volunteers who carry out administration functions – Trust Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Keer to Kent Editor, Communications Officer and Trustees.

She wished to record a tribute to Bob Pickup who has served the Trust by managing our Reserves and as a Trustee over many years. It is impossible to quantify contribution he has made in that time – as he was not at the meeting, he could not be presented with a token of appreciation – a painting of Guard Hill by Lynne Farrell but it will be given when possible.

## 5. Treasurer's report

The accounts were **adopted** nem. con.

Ray Anslow proposed that the Coldwell fund henceforth be used to fund work done under the Farming in Protected Landscapes scheme and other equivalent Rural Payment Agency schemes, the account being reimbursed when grants are eventually received.

The scheme was proposed by Ann Kitchen and seconded by Liz Anslow and **passed** nem. con.

Ray Anslow proposed that Andrew Scott be appointed independent examiner for next year's accounts – he is appropriately qualified and acts already for Arnside Naturalists. This was **agreed** nem. con.

## 6. Secretary's report

Mike Warren had nothing to add to reports already submitted but repeated his appeal for members to consider if they could help with administration and governance.

Three adjustments to the constitution were proposed and adopted nem.con., namely

- (i) New trustees and Chairman to assess the role after 6 months
- (ii) Powers to co-opt expanded to allow both to fill a casual vacancy but also (supernumerary) for specialist help if needed on any matter
- (iii) "President" to be changed to "President or joint Presidents".

## 7. Election of Officers:

The following officers are willing to serve for the next year with no alternative nominations having come forward (constitutionally, officers are now elected for three years but, with all three hoping to stand down when appropriate, their terms are currently still renewed annually):

**Chairman:** Fiona Allen

**Treasurer:** Ray Anslow

**Secretary:** Michael Warren

**A block re-election was proposed and passed by a show of hands.**

## 8. Election of trustees:

Bob Pickup had resigned with effect from the AGM and **Steve Benner** had agreed to stand down and be proposed and seconded immediately for re-election to make the end of term of office dates less inconvenient – too many were due in the same year. **Nick Lindsay** was proposed and seconded to be a new trustee – he comes with experience of conservation

charity work and practical zoological experience as former curator of the Zoological Society of London's Whippsnade site.

**Both were elected** nem. con.

**9. Date and Time of Next Annual General Meeting: To be notified**

**The Meeting was followed by a talk by Mike Warren on the Tides of Morecambe Bay**

**Signed as a correct record ..... F. Allan Chairman**

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