



## **WARWICKSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED AGM 2023**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Oculus, Warwick University, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023, commencing at 7:15 p.m.**

**Present:** 131 Members, including 12 Trustees. Beth Nicholson in the Chair.

### **1. Apologies for Absence:**

Trustees: Andrew Gabbitas  
Chris Reading

Members: None

### **2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5th July 2022:**

These minutes were taken as read and were approved by a large majority, with a small number of abstentions and no votes against.

### **3. To receive:**

#### **Report of Council, Statement of Accounts and Auditors' Certificate for 2022.**

These had been available to members via the Trust's website and on request via email.

John McKenzie, Treasurer for the Trust, summarised the accounts, highlighting the following:

- The Trust had a good year in 2022, with record income including an exceptional legacy.
- The balance sheet comprises restricted, unrestricted and unrestricted designated charitable funds, as well as non-charitable funds which are held within the subsidiary company, Middlemarch. The Trust currently has £4.8m in unrestricted designated funds, which Trustees have allocated for specific purposes.

Ed Green outlined the Trust's plans for the unrestricted designated funds:

- Nature Recovery Fund - £2,561k. The Trust intends to use these funds to purchase land that will increase landscape connectivity. A number of opportunities are being explored, including Brandon Wood Golf Course and an area of land adjacent to Brandon Marsh, known locally as Sheep Field.
- Charity Projects - £1,011k.

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- Infrastructure Investment Fund - £500k. These funds will be used primarily to undertake a programme of essential improvements to the buildings at Brandon Marsh, including a new air source heating system and associated works such as windows and insulation.
- Covid-19 Recovery Fund - £0. This was established in response to the pandemic and is no longer necessary.
- Contingency - £730k. These funds are available to the Trust to use should need arise.

The Annual Report, Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Certificate for 2022 were presented to the AGM and were approved by a large majority, with a small number of abstentions and no votes against.

#### **4. To re-elect for a third term (2023-2026) members of Council standing down through rotation.**

The following Trustees were unanimously elected to serve another 3-year term:

- Geoff Litterick
- Duncan McArdle
- John McKenzie
- Susan Juned
- Laurence Wilbraham

#### **5. To re-elect for a second term (2023-2026) members of Council standing down through rotation.**

The following Trustees were unanimously elected to serve another 3-year term:

- Beth Nicholson
- Chris Reading
- Marc Sanderson

#### **6. To elect new members of Council to serve for 2023-2026.**

Beth Nicholson gave an update on recruitment of new Trustees. The process is ongoing, therefore new members will be co-opted to Council and then formally elected at the next AGM.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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