

**FARG**  
**Fife Amphibian & Reptile Group**  
**MINUTE OF AGM Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 18.30**  
**Auchtermuchty Common**

**1. WELCOME and APOLOGIES**

Bob Weston welcomed all members to the first AGM of FARG.

Apologies had been received for Ruaidhri Forrester, Angela Forrester, Karen Sneddon and Simon Scott.

**2. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT MEETING AS AGM**

A resolution to allow this meeting to be an AGM although in terms of the constitution of FARG the AGM should be held between February and March, was proposed by David Bell, seconded by Kate Morison and approved.

**3. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Bob presented his report as appended and there being nothing to it was approved.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT and RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD TO 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2009**

Kate Morison presented the accounts as appended. David Bell and Bob Weston proposed and seconded the adoption of the accounts. This was approved.

**5. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT**

BOB WESTON (Acting Chairperson)

KATE MORISON (Acting Treasurer)

DAVID BELL (Acting Secretary)

JENNIFER DAVIDSON (Acting Membership Secretary)

**IN THEIR ROLES DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR.**

It was explained that the committee members who had been acting in their various roles since the inception of FARG required to be approved in the roles. Jennifer Davidson proposed the resolution and this was seconded by Andrew Baillie. The resolution was approved.

**6. RESIGNATIONS FROM and APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEE FOR 2009/10**

All committee members were due to retire from their positions having held them for a year. There were no advance nominations for any of the committee positions. That being the case David Bell proposed that Bob Weston be appointed as Chairperson for the year 2009/10. This was seconded by Kate Morison and approved.

David Bell proposed that Kate Morison be appointed Treasurer for the year 2009/10, seconded by Bob Weston and approved.

Bob Weston proposed and Jennifer Davidson seconded David Bell as Secretary. This was approved.

David Bell proposed Jennifer Davidson as Membership Secretary. This was seconded by Kate Morison and approved.

David Bell proposed Jennifer Davidson as Recording Officer. This was seconded by Bob Weston and approved

#### 7. OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

The meeting discussed the desirability of having a members' representative for each of east and west Fife and it was decided that these representatives should have a position on the committee. Andrew Bailie indicated his willingness to take on the role of West Fife Representative and Graeme Walla indicated his willingness to take on the role of East Fife Representative. This was approved by the meeting and Andrew and Graeme were co-opted to the 2009/10 committee.

Andrew Bailie can be contacted at [ADJBAILIE@AOL.COM](mailto:ADJBAILIE@AOL.COM)

Graeme Walla can be contacted at [G.C.Walla@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:G.C.Walla@hotmail.co.uk)

#### 8. VOTE OF THANKS

Bob thanked everyone for attending and wished FARG a successful second year.

'FART' group chairs report. 2009-04-24

It has been a busy year for the newly formed FARG. We started the year with an event, held at Pitmedden Forest, for the launch of the group with great attendance from the general public. Where we managed to find many Great Crested & Palmate newts during the evening, and stirred up some interest for the group. We also had a great day out at Muchty common where a number of new ponds were created. There then followed our Xmas meeting held in LMCP with an interesting presentation given by PB Smith. This also managed to stir up some more members. We also had a good turn out for a meeting held at Blair Adam forest where we were joined by the Pitcairn Volunteers to help survey the site for amphibian friendly ponds. Here, ½ dozen new ponds were mapped and so proved a good starting block to begin working along side the forestry commission to increase the numbers of amphibians in the area. Again much recruiting was carried out by our 'press-gang' operative!! With great success as we now have approx 20 members. We also discovered Water Voles which is a new record for Fife. Over the past 12 months, we have managed to secure 2 lots of funding for the group which will pay for materials and for a number of projects. Hopefully new licenses will be with the founding members soon which will allow a greater involvement and discoveries.

### **The way ahead!!.....How big do we want to be??**

- More ponds to be created
- Up-date the Records (Fern)
- Look at linking up with UK 'Million Pound' pond project?
- Link into the N.A.R.R.S.
- Look at a "demonstration-site" with funding from SEPA and others??
- Create interpretation panels & leaflets

Finally I would just like to say a big Thank you to all Folk involved who have given up their time and commitment to supporting the group. Especially to Dave who has been the main driving force behind the group and to our "Press-gang" and great poster officer, Jen.

# **Fife Amphibian and Reptile Group**

## **Financial Report for 12 months to 31 March 2009**

**Kate Morison (Treasurer)**

### **Summary of Activities During Year**

Opening Balance at 1 April 2008	£0.00
Net Surplus	<u>£1,500.79</u>
Closing Balance at 31 March 2009	<u>£1,500.79</u>

### **Breakdown of Receipts and Payments**

#### **Receipts**

Grants	£1,500.00
Bank Interest	<u>£0.96</u>
Total	<u>£1,500.96</u>

#### **Payments**

Tax Deducted	<u>£0.17</u>
Total	<u>£0.17</u>

<b>Net Surplus</b>	<u>£1,500.79</u>
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