

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

### **FARG Fife Amphibian & Reptile Group Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> AGM held Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020 by email**

#### **1. Preamble**

As a result, of the ongoing difficulties from Covid-19 restrictions it was decided by the committee to conduct the FARG 12<sup>th</sup> AGM by email only. The AGM notice and call for motions and nominations and voting slips were timeously issued by email. The resulting responses from 12 FARG members was enough to form a quorum.

#### **2. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

#### **3. Consideration of the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

The minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> AGM had been distributed with the notice of the 12<sup>th</sup> AGM. No matters arose from the minutes and they were accepted as a correct record of the meeting. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Dallas Seawright and seconded by David Bell.

#### **4. Chairperson's Report**

Dallas Seawright's report had been circulated with the notice of the 12<sup>th</sup> AGM and it was approved by the email responses, see appendix.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Johanna Willi indicated that the accounts were in the same position as at the 11<sup>th</sup> AGM with no funds added or deducted, see appendix.

#### **6. Resolution to approve the accounts for period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

Dave Bell proposed approval of the accounts, seconded by Dallas Seawright and the accounts were approved by the email responses.

#### **7. Resignations from and appointments to the committee** Appointments were dealt with as follows:

- a) **Chairperson** – Dallas Seawright was proposed by Dave Bell, seconded by Angela Forrester and approved by email responses.
- b) **Treasurer** – Johanna Willi was proposed by Dallas Seawright, seconded by Dave Bell and approved by email responses.

- c) **Secretary** – Dave Bell was proposed by Dallas Seawright, seconded by Angela Forrester and approved by the email responses.
- d) **Committee member** – Ian Lewis was proposed by Dallas Seawright, seconded by Dave Bell and approved by the email responses.
- e) **Committee member** – Bryan Smith was proposed by Ceile S. Boyle, seconded by Dallas Seawright and approved by the meeting.
- f) **Committee member** – Ceile S. Boyle was proposed by Bryan Smith, seconded by Dallas Seawright and approved by the email responses.
- g) **Committee member** – Neil Blanco was proposed by Dave Bell, seconded by Dallas Seawright and approved by the email responses.
- h) **Committee member** – Robert Bonner was proposed by Dallas Seawright, seconded by Dave Bell and approved by the email responses.
- i) **Committee member** – Anne Tait was proposed by Dave Bell and seconded by Dallas Seawright and approved by the email responses.

#### **8. AOCB**

Given the nature of the 12<sup>th</sup> AGM there was no AOCB arising.

#### **9. Date of Next Meeting** To be confirmed.

#### **10. Vote of thanks**

Everyone was thanked for their responses to the email AGM with a wish for a social 13<sup>th</sup> AGM and for FARG to have a successful year.

#### **List of respondents to AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Dallas Seawright  
Johanna Willi  
Dave Bell  
Ian Lewis  
Bryan Smith  
Ceile Boyle  
Neil Blanco  
Robert Bonner  
Anne Tait  
Tim Viney

Angela Forrester  
Ruaidhri Forrester

#### FARG Chairman's report 2019/2020

A full year as Chair, and in some cases, c'et plus la change, and in others...

BoS continue to entertain us with their efficiency. Following last years' attempts over the spring, including three visits to the BoS in Cupar, and a variety of versions of forms filled in in a variety of venues, to change the details of the chair and treasurer with the bank, plus la change. Ongoing, unless the treasurer's last attempt has yielded results!...

Practical days. Once again FARG days have been included in some of the FCCT volunteer days. This allowed the potential for extra 'events' in the calendar with public involvement and coverage on social media without any additional organisational burden on FARG. The days included cutting of Coul Meadow on August 2019. Always lots of frogs and toads rescued from here, good to make the connection with the public about where these animals are during the period they're away from water. Similar work occurred at the various meadow sites at Lochore and Birnie/Gaddon lochs. Also work at Coul den Ponds with the Pitcairn volunteers on two occasions, clearing the silt and unwanted debris and the valiant attempt to install new uprights for the sluice into bedrock in January. No score draw one that one so far. A re-match will be scheduled once restrictions are lifted and the season re-opens! The last meeting of the year for practical work was the 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, at a site along the river Leven, creating hibernacula. A tad wet, and with the now traditional soup-off of Chair vs Treasurer another draw was declared. However, there may yet be an enquiry over the inclusion by the treasurer of flapjacks... had it not been for a late entry of Victoria sponge from a volunteer this may have swayed the judging unfairly!

Surveying and monitoring. The onset of the Covid-19 crisis has all but eliminated monitoring across the country, not just of reptiles and amphibians. The British Trust for Ornithology have suspended the Breeding Bird Surveys, for instance, and many other organisations are taking the same stance. Hopefully the lack of disturbance in the countryside will allow our wildlife to gain from the respite.

#### Treasurer's Report - 12th Annual General Meeting – 2019/2020

Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019	£241.31
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	£241.31