

# Minutes of the ELCV AGM 2022

11am to 12 noon Saturday 25 June 2022

**Trustees and Members present:** Dick Gill (Chair), Anne Pearson (Secretary), Dave Quarendon, Mike Sharp, Peter Wells, Terry Page, Jenn Sharp, John McLaughan, Ceri Wells, Stan Da Prato, Tom Brown, M Reeves, Robert Wright, Hamish Macleod, Ross Turnbull, Anne Watson, Bill Watson, Kate Hansen, Carol Finneron, Rod Reeves, Carolyn Blad, Jackie Burman.

**Attending:** Jenny Hargreaves, ELC, John Harrison, ELC.

**Apologies** Abbie Marland, Karry Baird, Colin Ballantyne (Membership Secretary)

## 1. Welcome and introductions from Dick Gill

Dick Gill welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He introduced the Trustees and Members of East Lothian Council in attendance.

## 2. Minutes of previous meeting

The meeting was held on 30 March 2021. The minutes were accepted. There were no matters arising.

## 3. The Aberlady Hub.

John Harrison, warden of Aberlady Bay Nature Reserve gave an overview of the progress of the hub from small beginnings in 2017 to the Hub in place in 2022 including some solar power and a loo! .Activities from the hub include a moth monitoring project, and dragonfly monitoring. Optics have been provided by SOC and it is hoped to have open access using a key safe. John summed up: A great facility for all.

## 4. Review of 2021/22 activities

Dick Gill reported on the years activities. He said that there are 10-12 volunteering groups undertaking numerous tasks over the county with 371 volunteers registered. In addition specific projects have been identified. The Trustees have met six times in the year. ELCV are always looking out for projects so ideas are welcome. Current projects this year have been The Aberlady Hub, and the Giant Hogweed Invasive Species Project along the Tyne River, now in it's fourth year. A number of future projects are being investigated: The Linksfield dry path to the beach, improvements to the water quality at Seafeld lake, a potential swan nesting platform at Levenshall Links and removal and collection of Typha on the wetlands at Aberlady and North Berwick Law.

## 5. Treasurer's report

Dick presented a paper with the summary accounts for 2021 together with two charts summarising the charity's finances over the last five years. He noted:

£1,821 receipts in 2021 were mainly donations for the Aberlady hub, while £2,159 payments in the year were mainly for the Hub and the purchase of path warden tools. At the year end, after allowing for money owed, available reserves were £2,393, much as in previous years

The accounts will be independently examined in due course, in the normal way

Over the five years since 2017, we have raised and spent almost £20,000 and most spending has been for paths and the Aberlady Hub Spending and funding peaked in 2018. Our reserves have stayed relatively stable over the last five years

## **6. Appointment of Trustees and Office Bearers**

All Trustees and Office Bearers stepped down from their positions. Abbie Marland, Katty Baird, Kate Odling and Mike Sharp retired this year after at least 5 years' service with ELCV and before that Path Wardens. Three new Trustees were appointed Robert Wright, Anne Watson and Eric McDonald and the other Trustees agreed to stand for re-election this year.

Dave Quarendon stepped down as a trustee but he intends to stand again next year. In the meantime, thankfully, he has volunteered to continue to attend as an observer at trustee meetings and of course to carry on as IT/digital and giant hogweed coordinator.

The Trustees for 2022/2023 (and office bearers) now comprise:

- Dick Gill (Chairperson)
- Anne Pearson (Secretary)
- Peter Wells (Treasurer)
- Anne Watson
- Colin Ballantyne
- Eric McDonald
- Robert Wright
- Terry Page

## **AOB**

There was no other business and Dick Gill closed the meeting.