

Minutes of the ELCV AGM 2023
Saturday 30 September 2023
Gifford Village Hall, Gifford
13.00 hr – 13.30 hr

Trustees present: Dick Gill (Chairman), Peter Wells (Treasurer), Anne Pearson (Secretary), Anne Watson, Terry Page, John Hardy, Val Brown, Paul Ince, Zoe Goldstone,

Members present: Dave Quarendon, Morag Cook, Chris Gunstone, Dorothy Henderson, Morag Beeves, Heather Barcroft, Iain Buncroft, Louise Hardy, Jenn Sharp, Mike Sharp, Jan Maxwell, Dave Habgood, Andy Collins, Ian Mcanany, Carol Finneron,

Attending: ELC - Dave Wild.

Apologies: Colin Ballantyne (Membership secretary), Eric McDonald.

1. Welcome and introductions from Dick Gill

Dick Gill welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He introduced the Trustees in attendance.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The meeting was held on 25 June 2022. The minutes were accepted. There were no matters arising.

3. Review of 2022/23 activities.

Dick Gill reported on the years activities. He distinguished between the wider volunteer activity organised and led by the ranger service and ELCV's narrower role to support the Rangers and volunteers in securing funding for conservation work. The Trustees have met six times in the year. ELCV are always looking out for projects so ideas are welcome. Members are encouraged to contact any of the Trustees if they identify additional projects to the 8 currently listed in the business plan.

4. Treasurers report

Income received from SaltyCo of £1660 in 2022 boosted the funds for the start of 2023 to £4212. A donation of £60 increased the bank balance to £4712 from which money has been committed to tools for pathwardens (£1472), a marsh survey (£834) and materials for Swan islands at Levenhall Links (£300). Current funds available and uncommitted are £1666.

5. Constitutional changes

5a. Controls for e-banking

ELCV have moved to online banking and a change in the constitution wording is necessary to reflect this. The effect of the change is that three trustees are authorised for banking (currently

chairman, secretary and treasurer). For sums over £500 two of these people together have to approve expenditure. For sums below £500 two people can approve remotely.

5b. Appointment of charity trustees.

A change in the constitution wording is required to rectify a drafting error affecting the number of trustees allowed to be appointed. The change means that the maximum number of trustees appointed from amongst the membership is now 12 with the possibility of co-opting an additional 3 non-members as trustees should it be required.

The Chairman reported both changes were uncontroversial and necessary and the meeting approved them both unanimously.

6. Stepping down and election of new trustees.

Dick Gill (Chairman), Peter Wells (Treasurer), Anne Pearson (Secretary), are stepping down as they have been in post for 6 years. Anne Watson and Eric McDonald are also stepping down.

Terry Page, John Hardy, Val Brown, Paul Ince, Zoe Goldstone and Dave Quarendon have agreed to be trustees. Approved unanimously.

7. AOB

In a subsequent meeting of the Trustees John Hardy agreed to be chairman, Dave Quarendon to be treasurer and Terry Page secretary. The chairman, treasurer and secretary standing down are happy to support the new team if required.