

1) Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Andrew Bronwin, President welcomed Members and CLA Officer Vice President Victoria Vyvyan to the online AGM. He thanked Polly Reeve for her Chairmanship.

Apologies for absence received from the following Members:

Ross Murray, Gavin Reeve and David Powell.

2) Adoption of the Minutes of the 2019 Branch AGM held at Cobbles Kitchen & Dairy on 15th October 2019. Copies of draft minutes were available on the website.

President asked the meeting to verify the minutes of the previous meeting.

Proposer: Norman Tyler

Seconder: Rory McLaggan

3) Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4) Receive and Adopt the Branch Chairman's Annual Report

President asked the members to adopt the Chair's Annual Report (presented in the meeting by Polly Reeve)

Proposer: Tim Lee

Seconder: Caroline Wilson

5) Election of Members to Committee

The following Members have served their three-year term of office and have agreed to stand again:

Gavin Reeve, Ross Murray, Simon Lloyd*, Richard Knight, Caroline Wilson.

**via family member notice*

Proposer: Tim Lee

Seconder: Rachel Chapel

Rory McLaggan said that he encouraged better attendance from some Members who had not been to meetings for some time and to keep seeking new people who could add merit to the forum. Rory added that the SEW Committee can run the risk of being less effective unless those that sit on it become more pro-active. Nigel Hollett said that calls for new committee Members are regularly advertised and this will be escalated in 2021. COVID-19 has hindered endeavours. President asked Nigel Hollett if he would contact absent Committee Members and encourage attendance where possible.

Proposed New Member:

Tom Homfray of Penllyn Estate, Cowbridge has recently attended as an observer and would like to join the Committee.

Proposer: Gavin Reeve (*but could not make the meeting*) Seconder: Polly Reeve

The following Members have decided to retire from Committee:

Lesley Russen and Ben Herbert. *The President thanked them for their service.*

Special Announcement:

Rhodri Traherne retires from the Committee at AGM but has been appointed "*Honourary Member*" status as has agreed to be contacted for his opinion on certain committee matters due to the wealth of his experience and long standing service. Rhodri has the option to attend when in the country. This 'new role' was discussed beforehand by Polly Reeve, Rory McLaggan and Nigel Hollett and endorsed due to the connections and knowledge involved.

There were no nominations for the vacant Vice Chair position. Polly Reeve said she has been trying hard and is still working on potentials for this role. Nigel Hollett added that we will continue to press and advertise but asked Members to come forward with nominations of people who can be approached too please.

There were no other nominations for committee.

6) Any Other Business

There was no other business.

7) Close the formal AGM.

There being no further business, the President declared the formal AGM closed.

Following the AGM, there was an address from Victoria Vyvyan, vice President of CLA.

(Victoria lives and works on the Lizard Peninsula in West Cornwall - one of the richest and most diverse habitats for flora in Europe. Trelowarren, home to the Vyvyan family since 1427, prides itself on having built its first carbon neutral houses in 2003, on developing a tourism model that doesn't put pressure on local housing and on talking about lowland heath restoration and The New Beautiful to anyone who is prepared to listen. Victoria was appointed Vice President of the CLA in November 2019 and is the first woman to be elected as an Officer).