



WATIF AGM Minutes

18 May 2024 10am at Loanhead Farm

Present:

- Trustees: Tabatha McCree-Cox, Charlie Campbell, Cass Delaney, John Tucker.
- Staff: Leanne Taylor, Steph Plotnikoff, James Lindsay, Ilka Graham.
- Members: Jane Hunter, Jennifer Alexander, Moira Carmichael, John Alexander, Jim Hewlett, Helen Main, Wendy Innes, June Bulloch, Neil Brown, Iris Gibson, Alan Gibson, Laura Hinnekens, Linda Fisher, Campbell Fisher, Robin Tennant, Aileen Mitchell, Stephen Hunter.
- Non-Members: Màiri McAllan, Tony Blunsum, Julia Marrs, Helen Boath
- Apologies: Geraldine Hamilton, Patricia Tucker, Alistair Marshall and Mandy Clement

1)	Chair's welcome & declaration of Quorum
2)	Approval of previous AGM minutes 16 August 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed by Jim Hewlett and seconded by Cass Delaney.
3)	Annual report & financial statements for year end 30 th November 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair's report – Tabatha gives an update on Loanhead Activities as well as a general overview of the year for WATIF. • Chief officer's report – Pat gives an update on WATIF's projects and thanks staff & trustees for a successful year. Also thanks to John Tucker who is standing down as Trustee. • Accountant's summary of the financial statements – Russell Watson gives an overview of the financial statements for year ending 30 Nov 2023. • Auditor's report – Russell Watson explains how the audit will be carried out and its purpose - Confirmed that a clean audit had been achieved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question from Charlie on the levels of reserves the charity currently holds and whether the current levels are sufficient – RW confirmed that all had been reviewed and happy with the levels currently being held. Pat confirmed this was reviewed quarterly in line with staff and contractual obligations.
4)	Election of trustees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statements from nominees for (re)election: Helen Boath, Cass Delaney, Charlie Campbell, Mandy Clement (read out by Tabatha McCree Cox in her absence) • Election of trustees by members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cass Delaney, Charlie Campbell, Mandy Clement all elected as Trustees by majority vote. ○ Helen Boath elected as Co-opted Trustee and treasurer by majority vote.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tabatha McCree Cox, who took over from Shivali Fifield as Chair after the AGM last year, asked the members to vote for her to stay on as Chair- agreed by majority vote.
	<p>Questions</p> <p>Jim Hewlett asked for clarification on the duration of the agreements in place with local windfarms to provide the Community Benefit Funds. Pat explained the contracts are 20-25 long but can be renewed. She also explained there are a number of new developments on board so there will be no shortage of funds from this source.</p>
5)	<p>Thanks and closing comments</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 10.45am.</p>