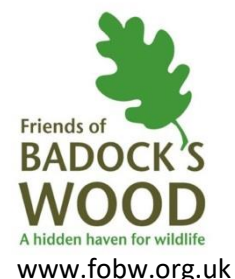

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**Minutes of Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting
of the Friends of Badock's Wood
held on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 7.30 p.m.
The Greenway Centre, Doncaster Road, Southmead, BS10 5PY**

The meeting began with an illustrated talk from Mike Townsend about the Birds of Badock's Wood. The meeting warmly thanked Mike for this excellent, informative talk.

Annual General Meeting

Present: Michael Butterfield, Christine Callanan, Martin Firth, Helen Gamsa, Sarah Hudson, Bill Jerrome, Tony Johnson, Roger Moses, Frances Robertson, Margaret Townsend, Mike Townsend, Jan Walker, Tony West, Linda Wilson

Apologies: Alan Aburrow, Clare Bishop, Susan Hall, Sian Parry, Geoff Perrett

1. Minutes of 2017 AGM

Approved

2. Chair's Report

The Chair's report had been provided with the Agenda papers.

The Chair particularly highlighted the City Council changes and cuts to Parks and Open Spaces. He recommended that members should all keep themselves updated and follow progress online. He commented that the FOBW members need to be careful about how much we can take on of the Council's work.

Geoff Perrett has resigned as Treasurer and the Chair thanked him for his stalwart work for many years on behalf of the group.

Mike Townsend has handed over the running of the Bird Group to Roger Moses and the Litter Group to Clare Bishop. The Chair thanked Mike for all that he has done and particularly noted the success of the litter group and the reduction in litter in the woods.

3. Treasurer's Report

As Geoff Perrett had resigned as Treasurer and was unable to attend the AGM, the Secretary ran through the financial report. It was noted that BNS had been paid twice in one financial year but that was because a previous year's membership had fallen into the current year's accounting.

The Financial Report was approved by the meeting.

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report had been provided with the Agenda papers.

She talked through the highlights of the year – the events, work parties, social evening, etc – and hoped that a similarly fun and productive year would ensue.

5. Management Plan Co-ordinator's Report

The Management Plan Co-ordinator reported that the Secretary was still working on the redraft with her support. It was noted that it had turned out to be a bigger job than previously thought and with the Parks changes and the new Local Plan coming forward it had been a challenge to keep up with updating it.

University of Bristol Geography students were undertaking soil sampling on the wildflower meadows and the report was expected in a few weeks time and would be shared with members and would help inform the Management Plan.

The Action Plan from previous plan was rolled over as there was no expectation for major management changes.

The Playing Field was no longer being used for football and the Council had filled in the goal post holes. As a consequence, FOBW had written to the City Council asking for the field to be included within the Badock's Wood Local Nature Reserve area (sports fields are not eligible to be within the designation). No reply had yet been received but the Management Plan was being prepared on the basis that this would be managed for wildlife at any time it was not being used for sports pitches. FOBW has asked that the surrounding hedgerows and the young copse at the southern end be included within the LNR regardless of the future use of the playing field.

6. Any other reports

- **Bird Report** by Mike Townsend had been circulated with the papers.

7. Approval of Amended Constitution

The amended constitution was approved – see attached.

8. Election of officers:

The following officers were duly re-elected

- Chair Tony West
- Vice Chair Linda Wilson
- Secretary Frances Robertson

A new Treasurer was nominated by Frances Robertson and seconded by Michael Butterfield and duly elected.

- Treasurer Martin Firth

9. Confirmation of Co-optees

Management Plan Co-ordinator – Linda Wilson

Webmaster – Graham Mullan

Litter Pick Leader – Clare Bishop

Bird Group Leader – Roger Moses

Minutes Secretary – Jan Walker

Archivist- Alan Aburrow

Work Party Leader – work parties to be led by appropriate persons for each task

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Friends of Badock's Wood – Tuesday 13th March 2018
Present and Apologies as per AGM of the same date.

1. Approval of Notes of Previous Meeting held September 2017

Approved.

2. Matters arising not already covered by the AGM reports

Dog poo litter. It was noted that dog poo bags were not being binned but were being left around the site. A draft campaign poster was discussed and the Keep Britain Tidy campaign about No dog poo fairy was disliked and removed from the FOBW campaign posters etc.

Himalayan Balsam

Roger reported that he had worked with Neil Green from the Avon Invasive Weeds Forum and a group of University of Bristol staff in Summer 2017 to remove the Himalayan Balsam along the length of Trymside. This had been successful and it was hoped that having removed the flowers before they set seed it would reduce future viability. It was hoped this could be repeated during 2018. Thanks to Chrissie Kelly for organising two groups of the staff to undertake work parties in Badock's Wood during Summer 2017.

3. Any Other Business

None

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held in the Autumn date to be agreed and circulated.