



Malvern Community Forest

Minutes of Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2019 – 2020

Cuillins Wood, 6:30 p.m. on 4th June 2019

Members in attendance: Adrian Roscalen, Brian Iles, Dave Munday, Ian Caldwell, Ken Timms, Linda Hirschhorn, Maggie-Jo St John. The meeting was therefore quorate.

Apologies: Andrew Butler, Bob Tilley

The Chair opened the meeting, and proposed that before business commenced, we would formally record a tribute to Steve Roe, previous Trustee and Treasurer of Malvern Community Forest (MCF), who died recently. The proposal was seconded by the Vice-chair, unanimously agreed by all present, and the following tribute was agreed by the meeting.

“Malvern Community Forest wishes to express its appreciation of Steve's contribution to MCF at both the practical and inspirational levels. At the practical level, in picking up and sorting out its financial situation when he became Treasurer; alongside Dave Munday, in negotiating the Management Plan for Townsend Community Woodland with the then Conservators; and leading bat walks through Townsend. At the inspirational level he lit the spark that has led to MCF's current strategy of community engagement and partnership building, at a Trustee event in May 2016. And he was a really nice, helpful guy”.

The Chair and Vice-chair are liaising with Steve's friends and family to find a site for planting memorial trees.

The Minutes of the last AGM on 20th June 2018 were provisionally approved by the Trustees and posted on the Malvern Community Forest website and no objections lodged subsequently, so were therefore approved.

The Chair suggested rearranging the Agenda, as no motions had been received, and there were single nominations for all Trustee and Management posts. This suggestion was accepted by all present.

Agenda item 3 Consideration of motions proposed and seconded by members

It was formally noted that no motions had been submitted.

Agenda item 2 Election of Trustees, Officers and Management Team Members, 2019-2020

It was suggested by the Chair that the nominations be read out and approved *en bloc*, which was accepted by all present. The Chair moved that the list be approved, seconded by Maggie-Jo St John. Approval was unanimous.

The list of Trustees, Officer and Management Team Members for 2019-2020 is attached as Appendix 1.

Agenda item 1 Receiving a summary report from the Chair of the Trustees

Project reports, papers and financial information had been posted on the MCF website in the previous two weeks. The Chair highlighted aspects of the year's successes: a successful year for Abundance; completed scything training and projects in Townsend Wood; the prizes and recognition received by the Malvern Link Station project; best ever attendance at Cuillin's Wood Easter session, led by our now Project Co-ordinator for Cuillins, Jo Porteus; and the successful hedge-laying course on Madresfield Estate. Some of its challenges had been frustrations over importing soil, accessing water, and signage on Malvern Link Station; the lack of promised action for removing stones and rubble from Prospect Wood site and the impasse brought about by the extensive vandalism of it over the summer of 2019 leading to the removal of the exercise platform.

It had become clear that we have missed several opportunities for promoting our work at local events due to a lack of presentation materials and flyers, which has possibly contributed to our low rate of recruitment of new members. Presentation and recruitment have to be priorities for the coming year.

The Chair has been concentrating on researching and developing a long-term strategy for trees, hedgerows and woodlands, to gather support for proposals to insert measures to create, protect and enhance these environmental 'assets' into the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review. This document was currently nearing completion, and the recent local election leading to changes in the political complexion of the Malvern Hills District Council may give it having a higher chance of making an impact.

Ken Timms
Chair

Appendix 1: Trustees, Officers and Management Team Members, 2019-2020

Trustees

Position	Person elected
Chair	Ken Timms
Vice-Chair	Dave Munday
Treasurer	Ian Caldwell
Trustee	Bob Tilley
Trustee	Linda Hirschhorn
Trustee	Maggie Jo St. John

Management Team

Position	Person elected
Membership Secretary	Linda Hirschhorn
Project Co-ordinators – Abundance Malvern	Linda Hirschhorn Maggie Jo St John
Project Co-ordinators – Cuillins Wood	Jo Porteus
Project Co-ordinator – Malvern Link Station	Ken Timms
Project Co-ordinator – Prospect Community Wood	Craig Hughes
Project Co-ordinator – Townsend Community Wood	Dave Munday
Web-site Co-ordinator	Ian Caldwell