

Minutes of the Members Meeting of Alderney Wildlife Trust (AWT)

held on Tuesday 28th May 2024 at 18.00 in the AWT Offices

Present:

AWT Subscribers: Brian Heath, Chairman & Director (attending by Teams), Lindsay Pyne

AWT Directors: Nigel Clarke, Helen Ackrill, Emma Burrows (attending by Teams)

Roland Gauvain (AWT CEO)

10 other members of the AWT attending either in person (8) or by Teams (2) as denoted in the Members'

Book

As Brian Heath, Chairman of AWT Board of Directors, was attending remotely, Nigel Clarke, Director, took the Chair and welcomed those present to the Members' Meeting. The meeting was quorate, and apologies had been received from Ingrid Brooke (Director), Sarah Kelly (Subscriber & Director) and 2 other members of the AWT.

The following documents had been circulated to those Members who had pre-advised their presence at the meeting and copies were also present in the room:

*Notice & Agenda, Minutes of Members' Meeting 30th May 2023, Chairman's Report 2024,
Alderney Wildlife Trust Consolidated Group Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023,
CEO's Report 2024*

A copy of the Register of Directors was present in the room.

The Minutes of the Members' Meeting held on 30th May 2023 were approved (proposed Donald Hughes, seconded Anthea Clarke) and the electronic signature of the Chairman of that meeting, Brian Heath, would be appended.

- 1) **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman referred to the copy report present and a brief discussion regarding membership promotion took place. No other questions were raised.
- 2) **Members' Resolution: Appointment and Removal of Directors:** In accordance with Clauses 14.1 and 14.2 of the Articles of Association the following longest serving Directors were due to retire from Office but had offered themselves for reappointment: *Helen Ackrill and Sarah Kelly*

No additional persons had been nominated for consideration for appointment or removal to or from the Board in the absence of which the **MEMBERS RESOLUTION** was passed to reappoint *Helen Ackrill and Sarah Kelly* as Directors of the AWT (proposed Onald Hughes, seconded Georgia Diebel).

- 3) **Review of the Annual Financial Statements:** Nigel Clarke gave a brief Treasurer's Report alongside the 2023 Alderney Wildlife Trust draft Consolidated Group Accounts and pie charts highlighting the principal sources of net income and of expenditure. He noted that all staff and interns were now funded: in the case of staff this was often from specific project-related grants, and interns received a small cost of living stipend. A goal for 2024 was to maintain the level of income to sustain this.

The primary source of Consultancy income was the Orsted wind farm compensation work surrounding guillemots and razor bills. Other smaller contracts included work for States of Guernsey (ACLMS) and for the Spiral tidal trial. Alex Purdie, previously Ramsar Officer, had taken on the consultancy lead. In response to Bill Abel's question as to what would happen should the Orsted contract not be extended, it was noted that either new funding streams would have to be sought, or worst-case scenario, staff positions would be lost.

No other questions were raised, and the Financial Statements would therefore be tabled for approval at the Company AGM which would take place immediately after this Members' Meeting.

- 4) **CEO's Report:** Roland Gauvain spoke to his copy report present, which included a synopsis of the three Strategic Campaigns through which the bulk of the Trust's work was focused. Points of significant note included:

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- the public engagement process being conducted under the Alderney State of Nature (ASON) project
- development of a pan-Channel Island Record Centre, with an opportunity for Members to view the current site screen after the meeting
- review of the management strategy for the Reserves and other sites under AWT management; with input from stakeholders
- clarification of AWT's role within the management of Alderney's Ramsar site, with separation of AWT as an Activity Organisation, receiving reimbursement for agreed costs, and the administrative role provided *pro bono* for SoA from the AWTE consultancy
- future potential of the Alderney Community Action for Nature (ACAN) project, aiming at better communication with, and support for others in the community, and encompassing Nature's Classroom and the woodland explorer programme.

Items then raised by Members included possible ways to promote the Ramsar site and a discussion around funding sources for the Team Wilder Officer position, with the current grant coming to an end in early 2025.

5) Any Other Business – no formal Other Business had been proposed by members.

The Chairman then brought the meeting to a close at 18.55 with thanks to the AWT team, and to those Members who had attended.

Signed



Dated:

26/5/25