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

held on Monday 26th May 2025 at 18.40 in the AWT Offices

and followed a presentation on various aspects of AWT work given by the CEO and other members of staff

Present:

AWT Subscribers: Brian Heath (also Director), Sarah Kelly (also Director), Lindsay Pyne
Other AWT Directors: Nigel Clarke, Helen Ackrill, Ingrid Brooke, Emma Burrows (attending by Teams)
Roland Gauvain (AWT CEO)
20 other members of the AWT attending either in person (16) or by Teams (4) as denoted in the Members' Book. Apologies had been received from 6 members of the AWT.

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.

The following documents had been circulated to those Members who had pre-advised their presence at the meeting:

Notice & Agenda, Minutes of Members' Meeting 28th May 2024, Chairman's Report 2025, Alderney Wildlife Trust Consolidated Group Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, CEO's Report 2025

Copies of these documents were also present in the room, together with a summary review of Alderney Wildlife Trust Membership Rates/Packages and proposed changes to these. The Register of Directors and Officers were also available.

1) **The Minutes of the Members' Meeting held on 28thMay 2024** were approved (proposed Anthea Clarke, seconded Ingrid Brooke) and were subsequently signed by Nigel Clarke, the Chairman of that meeting.

2) **Chairman's Report**: It was noted that the report had previously been circulated and was also available in the room. No questions were raised.

3) **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: *Ingrid Brooke and Emma Burrows*

   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 *Ingrid Brooke* and *Emma Burrows* as Directors of the AWT (proposed Robin Whicker/Anthea Clarke, seconded Boyd Kelly/Helen Ackrill).

4) **Review of the Annual Financial Statements**: the 2024 Alderney Wildlife Trust draft Consolidated Group Accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting and were available in the room. Further commentary had also been provided in the CEO's Report. No 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.

5) **CEO's Report**: It was noted that the CEO's report, which provided updates on the AWT's Strategic Campaigns and also the infrastructural and financial challenges, had previously been circulated and was also available in the room. No questions were raised.

6) **Proposal for updates to the AWT's membership provisions:** Roland Gauvain explained the background to the proposed change to membership rates: these had not been increased since the AWT's founding and were now considerably less than those of many other Wildlife Trusts whilst the AWT offers greater benefits than many others. The proposed new rates were as follows (current rate in brackets):

Adult Single £36 (£20), Adult Joint £50 (n/a), Junior £12 (£10, local children free), Family £72 (£40), Small business £90 (£50, this also currently paid by larger corporates). Monthly payment options were also available (£3 / £5 / £1 / £6).

Comments raised by the membership were:

i) Would there continue to be a provision for free local child membership? Historically this came about through a business sponsorship which AWT had long since funded itself. It was also felt by various parties that it had devalued this category of membership which was not well used. Where there was the need, however, there were provisions to make a funded membership available.

ii) What proportion of membership subscriptions were paid by direct debit? Direct debit was not available to AWT as it did not have sufficient transactions to make it cost effective. A reasonably high proportion of subscriptions were paid by standing order (approx. 60%) and this was one of the reasons why the AWT had put off introducing an increase in rates. The roll out of the new membership provisions would be taken slowly to reduce the chance of large numbers of lapsed memberships.

iii) Corporate members could surely afford more than £90? The proposed Business Membership rate was targeted at small businesses. Potential corporate sponsorship options, taking advantage of green/CSR targets were being considered and would be discussed further with the Board.

iv) Frequency of future subscription rate review? Small incremental changes might be more palatable than a big increase such as this. This would be taken to the Board for consideration.

No other questions were raised and the proposal was approved (proposed Jacqui Llewellyn, seconded Celine Findlay).

7) **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: 25th May 2026