

Scotland's Garden & Landscape Heritage

Minutes of the Fourth Annual General Meeting

Held on Saturday 28 July 2018 at Kellie Castle, KY10 2RE

The following documents were circulated before the meeting.

Notice of AGM
Booking Form
Proxy Form
Agenda of AGM
Report & Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

The Minutes of the third SGLH AGM had previously been uploaded to the SGLH website. Several copies of the Minutes of the third SGLH AGM, the Agenda, and the Report & Accounts were also available at the AGM.

Election of a Chairman for the meeting

Chloe Bennett was elected to chair the meeting, proposed by Carol Jefferson-Davies, seconded by Christopher Dingwall.

Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed the 21 participants.

<i>Ian Jolliffe</i>	<i>Jean Harthill</i>	<i>Hannah Tweedie</i>
<i>Anne Hardcastle</i>	<i>Ann Harthill</i>	<i>Chloe Bennett</i>
<i>Sue Hewer</i>	<i>Angus McGregor</i>	<i>Vanessa Stephen</i>
<i>Catherine Sanderson</i>	<i>Judy Riley</i>	<i>Robert Luther</i>
<i>Carol Jefferson-Davies</i>	<i>David Simpson</i>	<i>Mark Gibson</i>
<i>Shiona Mackie</i>	<i>Anne Harper</i>	<i>Matthew Benians</i>
<i>Marilyn Brown</i>	<i>John Byrom</i>	<i>Sarah Barron</i>

The Secretary also read out the following apologies:

<i>Hilary Gunkel</i>	<i>Marion Shawcross</i>	<i>Jill West</i>
<i>Anne King</i>	<i>Margaret Stewart</i>	<i>Julia Rolfe</i>
<i>Helen McMeekin</i>	<i>Peter Fitch</i>	<i>Niall Manning</i>
<i>Doreen Wilson</i>	<i>Fiona Finlay</i>	<i>Freyda Taylor</i>
<i>Fiona MacKelvie</i>	<i>John West</i>	
<i>Bill Brogden</i>		<i>Ben Tindall</i>

Report & Accounts

Supplementing what was written in the Report & Accounts, Judy Riley emphasised the continuing success of the Glorious Gardens project and thanked Sue Hewer, the SGLH trustees and all the Glorious Gardens volunteers for their hard work. She also thanked Alison Allighan for her expert handling of case work.

Bob Luther presented the SGLH accounts including the accounts relating to the Glorious Gardens project. He then gave an update on Glorious Gardens as follows:

- GG1 project involved recording of 11 sites in the Clyde and Avon Valley and 9 sites in the Falkirk area.
- GG1 project cost £74,586, CAV £33,864 and Falkirk £40,722.
- Funding provided by HES and HLF through CAVLP.
- Over 30 volunteers involved in GG1.
- 495 GG1 reports printed and distributed to volunteers, sponsors and local libraries.
- GG1 bis (extension) in Falkirk covering 8 sites and funded by SGLH at an estimated cost of £1200.
- GG1 bis (extension) in CAV covering 10 sites and funded by CAVLP at an estimated cost of £1440.
- GG2 project to develop conservation strategy and guidance notes for landowners in Clyde and Avon Valley and Falkirk at a cost of £20,745 and £19,935, respectively.
- GG2 project expected to involve approximately 15 volunteers altogether.
- GG1 project accounts show a credit balance of £955 on the HES side. Request made for balance to cover verification of GG1 accounts, as required by HES.

Judy Riley reported that the Board plans to upgrade the website and is seeking outside funding for this purpose. Bob Luther reported that, following the botched TSB IT upgrade, SGLH is moving its bank account to the Bank of Scotland and has meanwhile been awarded by the Ombudsman £300 in compensation by TSB. The change in bank account will be notified to all concerned in due course.

Election of trustees

Four Board members retired at the AGM, namely Judy Riley (as Chairman and trustee), Robert Luther, Sarah Barron and Vanessa Stephen. Judy Riley, Robert Luther and Sarah Barron stood for re-election. In addition, Chloe Bennett stood for election to the Board. There were no other nominations.

- Judy Riley was nominated by Sarah Barron, seconded by Marilyn Brown and elected unanimously.
- Robert Luther was nominated by Shiona Mackie, seconded by Matthew Benians and elected unanimously.
- Sarah Barron was nominated by Christopher Dingwall, seconded by Carol Jefferson-Davies and elected unanimously.
- Chloe Bennett was nominated by Judy Riley, seconded by Robert Luther and elected unanimously.

The Trustees then unanimously elected Chloe Bennett to be the new Chairman of SGLH.

Any other competent business

Ian Joliffe asked what resources relating to gardens and designed landscapes SGLH possesses. Christopher Dingwall explained that we possess an archive but, having no storage facility, are depositing the key items (such as reports on sites we have researched) with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) where they may be consulted. Items that can be found elsewhere are being disposed of. The best resources relating to gardens and designed landscapes can be found at HES and The Gardens Trust (TGT). Chloe Bennett asked Christopher Dingwall to write this up (with particular reference to unpublished items) in a paper to be uploaded to the website.

The meeting having formally concluded at 12.30, Judy Riley proceeded to thank Vanessa Stephen, who had during the meeting retired from the Board, for her exceptional dedication as Events Secretary and Trustee both of GHSS and, latterly, of SGLH.

Christopher Dingwall then paid tribute to Judy Riley, noting her outstanding contribution to the setting up of SGLH and the nurturing of our relationship with TGT as well as her tireless commitment, patience, persistence, good-humour and grace.