

**Glamorgan Bird Club**  
**Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting**

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014 - 19:45 Hours  
**Location:** Kenfig National Nature Reserve

**Present:** Tim Adcock, Martin Bailey-Wood, David Carrington, Garth Crandon, Janet Davies, Paul Denning, Howard Driver, John Duffy, Stuart Hardcastle, Jean Haslam, Rod Haslam, Gareth Jenkins, John Moxham, Adrian Murch, Graham Powell, David Rich, Paul Roberts, John Samuel, Margaret Samuel, Paul Seligman, Richard Smith, Colin Stevenson, Anne Wilson, John Wilson

**Apologies:** Dave Bush, Strinda Davies, David Gilmore, Wayne Morris, Alan Rosney

Item	Description
1.	<p><b><u>Minutes of the AGM 23rd April 2013</u></b></p> <p>No issues were raised in relation to the Minutes of the 2013 AGM.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Motion: "2013 Minutes to be accepted as a true and accurate record". Proposed: John Samuel Seconded: Gareth Jenkins Voting: Carried Unanimously</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Chairperson's Report on behalf of the Trustees</u></b> (<b><u>'Verbatim transcription'</u></b>)</p> <p>Welcome to this the Annual General Meeting and to thank you for your attendance this evening.</p> <p><b><u>Membership</u></b></p> <p>After enjoying a healthy membership over the last few years I have to report a fall in membership to 263 categories made up of single and family packages. Although this is our main income we do not see the need to increase membership fees at this moment in time.</p> <p><b><u>Financial</u></b></p> <p>I am pleased to report that under the stewardship of Mrs Anne Wilson our accounts are in good order and details of the year's finances will be given in the Treasurers report. As trustees we have kept within our responsibilities in operating a prudent financial policy which ensures that funds are in place for major expenses such as the East Glamorgan Bird Report and the quarterly</p>

news letter and do not undertake any purchasing or financial commitment unless there is the necessary funding in place to cover the expenditure. As we do not have any loans or own property and have no employees there is no need to reserve funds to cover cost of upkeep or utility bills or wages. Our submission for repayment of tax as a charitable organisation has been dealt with by HMRC and details will be given in the Treasurers report.

### **Club Activities**

Both indoor and outdoor activities as been arranged to comply with the clubs mandate to educate the people of Glamorgan with regards to ornithology. The monthly bird walk for beginners has been well attended at Kenfig NNR but unfortunately the Cosmeston walk will not continue because John is retiring due to his increasing commitments so in future there will only one monthly walk centred at Kenfig NNR. Also my personal thanks to Strinda Davies for leading the Kenfig walk especially in the difficult conditions this winter. The field trips continues to be successful with an average of 12 people over the various trips, once again the Portland trip proved to very successful both socially and bird wise 78 species recorded. Highlights of these years trip sightings has been the Red flanked Blue tail in Gloucestershire and the Ring Ouzels in the Brecon's. Once again our indoor events organiser has provided some entertaining evenings where guest speakers gave accounts of their various birding holidays and species seen on them. For anyone wishing to improve their knowledge of birding skills and sites to visit these trips are highly recommended, details are published on the website, face book and the news letter.

### **Publication**

Once again we have kept within our responsibility in publishing the East Glamorgan Bird Report and it with thanks to John Wilson the editor and David Gilmore the County Bird Recorder together with the section writers who had to go through the many thousand sightings reported to produce an excellent bird report also it would be amiss of me not to mention the persons who provided the photos and drawings. The Newsletter under the editorship of Alan Rosney also continues to be an excellent informative publication with articles and photos from many contributors.

### **Media**

The major event this year has been the launch of our new excellent internet site which was down to the many hours of hard work by John Wilson. Initially there were concerns that members would not register to use it but this as proved to be unfounded by the many sightings and photos posted, together with face book and twitter club members now can keep up-to-date with what is taking place within the club

### **Projects**

The Ty'n Y Caeau farmland bird feeding is still continuing with funding from Environmental Wales, unfortunately the number of birds rung has been low

where the wet weather has not helped. The club continues to make nest boxes for various local projects and now with thanks to Topstak Chimneys of Llandow we now have timber have to provide nest boxes for schools or any local amenities. If you know if any such school who would like nest boxes please contact the committee.

### **Sponsorship of scrapes at Parc Slip**

The Bird Club was approached by Parc Slip Nature reserve to sponsor one of the scrapes in front of the new hide as a means of raising funds to pay for the hide. The committee decided that we could afford to do so without affecting our funds for future projects. We consider that the new hide and scrapes will be of much benefit to our members as well as promoting the Glamorgan Bird Club and look forward to a successful relationship with Parc Slip in the years to come. As the scrapes have to be named after individual persons, after much discussion the committee decided upon Steve Moon's name in honour of the work he has carried out in the past both within the bird club and Kenfig NNR. Steve and Madeline were approached for approval and were delighted that Steve is still held in such high regard.

### **For the future**

We are aiming to produce a web based version of the Glamorgan Bird breeding Atlas and will be released later this year. A program of birding trips and indoor programs as been announced and can be seen on the website and also printed cards are available. It has been decided that our Big Birding Day will be held in the autumn to coincide with autumn watch and hope for a better attendance than last years. All events will be published on the main website, Facebook and the newsletter

### **Last but not Least**

As Chair Person I would like to give my personal thanks to all the committee members in the manner they have carry out their duties in promoting the Glamorgan Bird Club within the community, and finally no club can exist without its membership and I am sure the committee will join me in thanking you for your support over the last year.

**Adrian Murch**  
**Chair Glamorgan Bird Club**

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### **Treasurer's Report and adoption of accounts** (*'Verbatim transcription'*)

#### **Income**

1. Again subs income is pretty constant at around £3000, although they are slightly down on last year.

2. Gift Aid- unfortunately none claimed for this or last year, claim just gone in due to new method of claiming online. I reckon about £750 is due. £917 was put into our account today (i.e. Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April)
3. Book sales- BIG sales well down as the last few are sold and the sale of EGBR is halved as it wasn't a special edition and no other books were sold.
4. Donations and Talks- A combination of payment for talks by Alan and Paul to outside groups but also a few members give donations with their subs.
5. Farmland feeding- this money comes from NRW and almost covers the cost of bird seed and rings for the ringing group. Unfortunately the £360 due has not reached our bank account yet but is in the pipeline and therefore has been included in the figures.
6. Indoor meetings- we just about break even at these meetings but the income is down by £60 due partly to a reduced number of meetings this year (5 instead of 6) and partly to the 50<sup>th</sup> Edition meeting last year which was attended by more people than usual.
7. Big Birding day- We did very well with sales of cakes, plants, donated books and bird boxes.
8. Nest Boxes- this has been a very successful year for making and selling these boxes. Many thanks to the committee members and other volunteers who have been busy making the boxes and putting most of them up in Alt Y Rhiw woodland at Coity Wallia Common.
9. Clothing- a slight increase in the amount of clothing sold this year

### **Expenditure**

1. EGBR- costs are down by a quarter as it was an ordinary report.
2. Admin/stationery costs- these are roughly the same as last year.
3. Internet costs- This was much lower than last year due to the different website being used. Due to the time taken to set up the website GOS were not invoiced this year but will be next year.
4. Postage- Costs have been reduced this year due to using some of the pre price-rise stamps from last year.
5. Indoor Meeting- Again we have to pay for the hire of the centre so are reliant on people paying a small charge for the refreshments and the raffle.
6. Newsletter- These costs are more this year due to 4 newsletters being paid for rather than the 3 of last year
7. Mileage allowance- this is down on last year as the committee didn't meet as often.

8. Other-This is much lower than last year as it only includes new ISBN numbers for the reports and bank charges for the setting up of the Bond.

**Other Discussion**

This year 's excess at £834 is £ 200 higher than last year's despite the lateness of the Gift Aid reclaim.

This year we have continued to put some of the built-up funds into another one-year bank bond and the increase in interest will be noticeable although this bond does not give interest until maturity.

The accounts as presented have not been fully audited and signed off as there were some missing invoices (which have now been sorted ) so the Auditor was not happy to sign them but will do so within the next month. The accounts will be put on the website as soon as they have been signed off.

I now require a proposer and seconder for the adoption of the accounts.

**Anne Wilson**  
**Treasurer Glamorgan Bird Club**

Motion: "Accounts to be adopted as a true and accurate record."

Proposed: Janet Davies

Seconded: John Moxham

Voting: Carried Unanimously

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**Election of officers**

Both the Chair & Treasurer remain in post.

Secretary Martin Bailey-Wood has reluctantly decided to stand down from the committee due to other commitments. Adrian Murch stated that a volunteer had been found

Motion: "Graham Powell to be appointed as Secretary to the Club"

Proposed: Richard Smith

Seconded: Martin Bailey-Wood

Voting: Carried Unanimously

Adrian expressed his thanks to the outgoing Secretary Martin Bailey-Wood for the work he undertook on behalf of the club.

5.

**Election of Committee Members (Trustees)**

Strinda Davies has reached the end of her three year term and must stand down. She is willing to stand again.

	<p>Motion: "Strinda Davies to be re-elected to the committee for a further three years"  Proposed: David Carrington  Seconded: Anne Wilson  Voting: Carried Unanimously</p> <p>The Chairman stated that there were still three vacancies on the committee and asked the floor if anyone present was interested in joining. No nominations were received.</p>
6.	<p><b><u>Appointment of Auditor.</u></b></p> <p>The Club's current Auditor Malcolm James is prepared to continue to Audit the Accounts of the Club.</p> <p>Motion: "Malcolm James to be appointed as Auditor".  Proposed: John Wilson  Seconded: Margaret Samuel  Voting: Carried Unanimously</p>
7.	<p><b><u>Any motions submitted for debate</u></b></p> <p>No Motions were submitted for debate.</p>
8.	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>Paul Selgiman raised: "Could the committee make more use of email where possible to inform members of any changes to the clubs future programme of events, event reminders etc."</p> <p>Graham Powell responded: In his new role as Secretary he would create and maintain a distribution list for emailing this sort of information and would contact those members he had email addresses for giving them the choice to opt out of receiving this sort of information if they so wish.</p> <p>David Carrington moved a vote of thanks for John Evans owner of Ty'n y Caeau Farm for the continued use of facilities for the Farmland Bird Feeding Project. All were in agreement.</p>
	<p><b>No further items were raised and the meeting was closed at 20:22</b></p>