

Summary of MKNHS Committee Meeting Minutes 02 November 2020

New Chair: This was the first committee meeting chaired by our new Chairman, Matt Andrews.

Treasurer's Report: The total number of members October 20 is 84 (Nov 19 was also 84); estimated total income at 31 December 2020 is £3082 with expenditure by that date of £2018, giving a surplus of £1064.

AGM: Members felt that the session on Zoom went well.

Society Archives: It was agreed to carry out some exploratory research on the Society's documents held at the Buckinghamshire Archives in Aylesbury

Member Survey Report Action Plan

Evening meetings programme content: as the feedback from the survey was for members to participate more in the sessions, this is made possible by using breakout rooms on Zoom.

Summer walks programme 2020: there will be a session on the summer programme at one of the evening meetings in February 2021.

Publicity coordinator and facebook presence: a sub group was set up to consider publicity including the use of social media.

Campaigning on nature conservation issues: A committee sub group will make comments on MK Council's Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document. Also, it was suggested that recording by Society members could be focused on those areas of Milton Keynes which are allocated for development in the future but could be available for recording projects now. Proposals will be brought back to a future committee meeting.

Strategy to Encourage the use of Zoom by Members: A few members have been personally encouraging other members to join the Society's meetings on Zoom and helping them to achieve this.

Website Group Meeting: The group meets each month. A number of improvements have been made to the website and there has been a significant increase in 'hits' which is encouraging. Members continue to submit interesting articles and reports.

Society Calendar: A proof for the Society calendar will be ready very soon, with an initial print run of 30 copies. It is hoped that members will support this initiative by buying the Calendar.

Mervyn Dobbin, MKNHS Secretary