



Summary Minutes of the Committee Meeting 7.30 pm on Monday 14 October 2024

via zoom

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2024 were previously circulated. The minutes were agreed as a true record.

Correspondence

Mervyn reported that correspondence had been mainly in connection with the OU Projects and Buckinghamshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy. From time-to-time, there have been queries from members of the general public.

Treasurer's Report

The key points in Linda's Report are as follows:

Membership: 104 members 3 Nov 2023, and 106 October 2024.

Voluntary Donations: £440 for asset replacement (£405 in 2023).

GOBF: Capital is £2733.98, total available for grants is £463.58.

Income and Expenditure: Total income to October 2024 is £4440. Expenditure £3437. The budgeted expenditure for 2024 is £4222.

New Treasurer: Linda reported that Richard Schmidt is willing to be nominated as Treasurer at the AGM in 2025. We are very pleased to accept Richard Schmidt as our new Treasurer from early next year and we will ensure that his nomination is put forward for the AGM in March 2025. The Treasurer's Report was approved. Committee members were grateful for Linda's work as Treasurer on their behalf.

Items for Consideration/Discussion

MKNHS The Future: Succession

Committee members spent some time considering this matter.

Matt is willing to continue for one more year as Chair, as from the AGM in March 2025. It was agreed that we should try to find new members for the Committee, in the run-up to the next AGM. This includes possibly finding someone who might ultimately take on the role of Chair. Mervyn informed the meeting that he had been Secretary for over five years and wished to relinquish the role at the next AGM. Mervyn will write a short

paragraph for the website, to encourage members to think about joining the Committee for next year. There was some discussion about the need for a President/Vice President.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

Mervyn gave a brief report on the Webinar held on 7 October. The 30 minute Webinar consisted of four or five individuals describing the inputs so far. All 48 'mapped areas of importance for biodiversity' will be available in February 2025. There will be one map for Milton Keynes. Malori Richards is the LNRS Project Manager at BCC. Phil Snell is the MK Council member of staff involved in the LNRS Committee.

The next event is a workshop in Aylesbury 10.00-3.00pm 18 November at the Oculus Aylesbury.

Co-creating Enhanced Ecosystem Services from green spaces

The Secretary circulated to Committee members, an email from Richard Holliman OU on this matter. He is planning to set up an 'Inclusive Leadership Team', with two workshops – one on 19 November 2024 and one in Jan/February 2025. He is hoping to recruit volunteers from MKNHS and pay them for two days contribution at £275 per day. Matt and Martine plan to attend the 19 November session, subject to their commitments. Charles is interested in attending the January 2025 session

Indoor Programme

Di gave a brief report on progress with the Indoor Programme. This seems to be going well, and we thank Di and Martin for their continuing work on assembling the Programme.

Website

Before tonight's meeting, Mervyn circulated the analysis of the use of the website prepared by Jagoda. The Home, Recent Sightings and Programme pages have been getting the most hits. Jagoda gave a brief verbal report and agreed to send a short written report to Mervyn.