



Registered SCIO SC049120

AGM Meeting – 15th April 2021, 7.30-9.00pm

1. **Welcome:** A warm welcome to all was given by KW and WM
2. **Attendees:** Will and Fiona Maclean, Eric and Eleanor Day, Karen Whyatt, Tessa and Neil Campbell, Derek Clarke, Brian Murray, Duncan Grant, Dawn Tuckwood, Beryl Watson, Nigel Bennett, Dave Hargreaves, Matt Smith, Paul Culley, Linda Gray.
Apologies: Hamish Booth

Please refer to attached Chairman's Report and Finance Report for details. The following is a summary of key points discussed.

3. **Retiring Chairman's Report:** WM made a PowerPoint presentation (attached) giving a clear summary of the many achievements TPG have made this year, despite COVID restrictions having curtailed some of our activities. The Torphins Woods paths have progressed and been much appreciated; the Waulkmill path was completed with fencing in place; the Banchory Path section via the Beltie Re-meandering Project to Glassel is at the planning stage with the application having been made; the Lumphanan Path landowner consultations are largely completed and planning application planned for this year; a successful Winter Wonderland event was run through December, Covid compliant and again much appreciated by visitors, a subsequent Ecology Impact Study was commissioned and found that no significant impact was caused to wildlife by the event; WM completed a comprehensive business plan which was approved by the Board at the last Board meeting; funds were raised by this event as well as continued card and calendar sales and a couple of generous donations by NC and BM, as well as from Marr Area and the King George V Wind Turbine Fund. TPG thanked the Learney Estate for their permission and cooperation in the Torphins paths development and the Winter Woodland event as well as their generous donation of wood for the fencing at Waulkmill, Mr Fowler was also recognised for his extremely helpful support in the creation of the Waulkmill path.
4. **Retiring Treasurer's Report:** TC presented a very clear PowerPoint summary of our financial status at year end (see attachment). TPG working capital at year end is c. £900. We have sufficient funds to carry out all activities we are currently committed to. New grant applications are in process or planned to fund our planned future activities. Mr Mark Davidson has agreed to be our independent examiner for 2021.

- 5. Retirement of all Trustees under clause 60:** All trustees were retired and all expressed willingness to stand again for 2021.
- 6. Election of the Board under Clause 61:** All existing ten members of the Board (Will Maclean, Karen Whyatt, Tessa Campbell, Neil Campbell, Brian Murray, Eric Day, Hamish Booth, Duncan Grant, Derek Clarke and Paul Culley). This leaves one vacant trustee position.
- 7. Election of Board Positions by Trustees:**
Chair: Will Maclean was proposed by Eric Day, seconded by Derek Clarke. No other nominations were made and WM was re-elected to post.
Secretary: Karen Whyatt was proposed by Neil Campbell and seconded by Eric Day. No other nominations were made and KW was re-elected to post.
Treasurer: Tessa Campbell was proposed by Will Maclean and seconded by Karen Whyatt. No other nominations were made and TC was re-elected to post.
- 8. A.O.C.B:**
 - i. DT complemented TPG on the amount that had been achieved over the year on behalf of the community and public sector bodies
 - ii. A discussion was held and suggestions made about possible different methods of funding. Suggestions included:
 - a) Charging an annual and/or lifetime fee for membership of TPG suggested by DG.
 - b) Apply to the Freemasons and Rotary Club and possible other private funders suggested by DG.
 - c) Ensure donations are Gift aided (this is done) suggested by DG
 - d) Encourage donations from paths users at an organised event such as sponsoring a meter of path or by putting up posters with a QR code link to the website donations page or an envelope drop door to door.
 - iii. DC made a suggestion to expand the Winter woodland Event route to create a circular route which was supported by all pending a detailed costed proposal.
- 9. Thanks and Close:** WM thanked all attendees for their contribution and presence and closed the meeting. Our **next Board Meeting is scheduled for 8th July 2021** which may be face to face.