
Seventy-Fifth Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held online using Zoom. You will need to register to attend, using this link:

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Agenda

Welcome from the Chairman

How the meeting will work on Zoom

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 - d. Honorary Treasurer
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- 6. Election of Executive Committee members**
- 7. Election of Honorary Independent Examiner**
- 8. Publications editors**
- 9. Date and venue of future AGMs**

Saturday 12th March 2022 in Crediton
- 10. Any other business**

The business meeting will be followed by the Warden's Report, presented by Dean Jones and the Lundy General Manager's Report, presented by Derek Green. There will be a short break during the proceedings.

Minutes of the 74th Annual General Meeting held online on the Zoom platform on Saturday 12th September 2020 from 1.30pm.

The meeting was attended by 94 members. It was chaired by Alan Rowland.

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting which had been rescheduled following the postponement of the meeting in March due to the coronavirus pandemic. He thanked the committee members for their hard work over the year.

The Chair remarked that members may be aware of the Urgent Lundy Appeal. One of the committee's virtual discussions was how to respond to this. We have decided to make a donation of £10,000 to this appeal to support the conservation and education work on the island that we are all so committed to.

The Honorary Secretary, Michael Williams, outlined how the meeting would work online and members were able to practise using the voting system.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from 38 members.

2. Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

The Honorary Secretary pointed out that the Bird Report given at the last meeting was the report for 2018, not 2017 as recorded. There were no further corrections and members voted to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Reports

a. Honorary Secretary

The Honorary Secretary, Michael Williams, gave his report.

For him the highlight of 2019 was taking part in the 50th anniversary celebrations of Lundy's relationship with the Landmark Trust and the National Trust.

LFS members were well represented including significant involvement in the preparations for the weekend ensuring the event ran as smoothly as possible despite the weather preventing the MS Oldenburg sailing on the anniversary day. It was especially gratifying to meet many members of the Harman family, descendants of our co-founder Martin Coles Harman.

There were three working parties to Lundy in 2019. The first trip, with Bee Cox in charge, started in March and consisted of 12 hardy souls containing a good mix of volunteers, some new and others experienced. The jobs enjoyed included rhododendron seedling searches, tree surveying including numbering, sapling maintenance, Alexander control and bench restoration.

However, the visit will be remembered for the headline 'Holidaymakers Stranded on Luxury Isle' as some national newspapers and other media outlets described the marooning due to the Oldenburg rudder malfunction and the extra couple of nights spent in St Helen's church or the Wheelhouse.

In May, Trevor Dobie was the leader and the week's visit coincided with an LFS committee meeting in Millcombe House. The work carried out was sapling maintenance, continuing the tree surveying with labelling, Heligoland bird trap repairs, Quarry Beach cleaning, dry stone wall repairs and fence replacement down the 'Steps of Doom'.

In October, Bee Cox was again leader for the 13 volunteers. Their most unusual tasks were helping with hanging banners in St Helen's church and clearing the pond next to Bramble Villa. All in all a very productive year for LFS volunteers.

During 2019 we awarded a grant to support research into cetacean occurrence around Lundy. Fieldwork was due to take place in 2020 but this has been postponed to 2021. We have also agreed to put in place an annual allowance for the Lundy Warden for conservation related expenditure which we hope will provide valuable support for the Conservation Team.

An enjoyable long weekend in Millcombe and Old House South for a committee gathering in May included a workshop looking at the results of the membership survey and a meeting with members of the island management and conservation teams in attendance.

Alan and Sandra Rowland have taken over the Lundy Cabbage surveys from Roger & Rosy Key and Steve Compton who surveyed our endemic plant for 25 years. The survey took place in June and Cabbage counts were similar to 2018.

Long-term bird ringing studies continued, focused on species that have increased since rat eradication. Ringed Manx Shearwaters provided valuable information on their growing breeding population, and record numbers of Wheatears were colour-ringed and re-sighted. Storm Petrels were also caught in record numbers. With the addition of the many migrant birds caught in spring and autumn, a total of 3041 birds of 49 species were ringed during the year. Ringers gave practical demonstrations of the ringing process for other visitors, and evening talks on the insights that it provides. Work has also continued on digitising Lundy's past ringing records, to facilitate analysis for research purposes.

We continue to be represented on the Lundy Management Forum. Our Chair attended a 'Vision for Wildlife' workshop in April to plan for the next 50 years of Lundy's wildlife conservation.

Chris Webster has been in discussions with Historic England about the Heligoland bird trap. They have agreed to advise the Secretary of State to grant consent for the replacement of the trap.

Richard Breese has been scanning photos from the Harry Savory archive that was donated to the LFS by the family.

As outlined last year, we were setting up an endowment fund to invest the Society's cash reserves to provide a very long term financial footing for the LFS. I'm pleased to report this work was completed in the spring of 2019 with £20,000 invested and a further £15,000 held as cash in an interest earning savings account. My thanks to our Treasurer, Roger Chapple, who has done the hard work.

At the end of 2019 Grant and Shelley Sherman left the island. Grant has been the Society's Island Representative for several years and regularly provided guided walks and talks, often in the times when there was a vacancy for the Warden's post, as well as pursuing his personal interest in Lundy's Guillemot population. Grant would reliably plug the LFS during his talks, encouraging visitors to join.

We thank Grant for his valued contributions and wish him and Shelley well for their future on the mainland.

Sue Waterfield, manager of the Lundy General Stores, has taken over as the Island Representative.

A new volume of the LFS Journal was published in early 2020. This was the seventh and final volume edited by Jenny George with André Coutanche supporting production. As our flagship publication, Jenny has built up the Journal from its start in 2008, typically publishing eight peer-reviewed papers every two years on subjects ranging from mycology, archaeology, birds, marine and freshwater biology, animal behaviour, art and history. André has checked the technical data in the papers, ensuring consistency and has produced the excellent layout. Thank you both for your enormous contribution. Tom Dickins will take over the editorial going forward.

In 2021 we look forward to our 75th anniversary and, all being well, this will be celebrated in May with a Discover Lundy week that will include our first ever AGM on the island.

Thank you for your support in 2019.

b. Honorary Treasurer including endowment fund update

The Honorary Treasurer, Roger Chapple, presented the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2019. He updated on the status of the endowment fund.

Bill Williams, the Honorary Independent Examiner, had written to the Treasurer to confirm he had examined the accounts and recommended the meeting adopted them.

There were no questions and members voted to adopt the accounts.

c. Honorary Membership Secretary

The Honorary Membership Secretary, Sandra Rowland, gave her report: at the end of December we had 379 active memberships, equating to 493 members including family members.

The names of members who had died and many new members were announced.

5. Election of Vice President

Roger Chapple had retired as Honorary Treasurer and had previously completed a term as Chair of the Society. Alan Rowland reflected on the enormous contribution Roger had made over several years and the committee felt that we should elect Roger to the honorific position of Vice President. This was proposed by Alan and seconded by Chris Dee.

Members voted and Roger was declared elected.

6. Election of Officers

The Honorary Secretary took chair and thanked Alan Rowland for his continued work as Chair and proposed Alan continue in this role. This was seconded and there being no other nominations he was declared elected. Alan returned to the Chair.

Roger Chapple had stood down as Honorary Treasurer at the end of the 2019 financial year. As the AGM had not been able to take place in March, the committee had appointed Chris Dee to this role. The meeting was invited to ratify this decision. This was agreed and Chris was declared elected.

The remaining Officers were willing to be re-elected. It was proposed and seconded that they be re-elected en bloc. There were no other proposals so this was put to the vote and agreed.

7. Election of Executive Committee

John Hedger had retired from the committee and Chris Dee had now become an Officer leaving two vacancies.

Roger Chapple and Richard Breese were willing to stand for the committee and they were proposed and seconded. There being no other nominations, they were declared elected.

The Chair invited anyone interested in joining the committee to get in touch with him or the Honorary Secretary.

8. Election of Honorary Independent Examiner

Bill Williams was proposed and seconded as Honorary Independent Examiner. There being no other nominations he was duly elected.

9. Date and venue of next AGM

The Honorary Secretary informed members of the dates of the next two AGMs. In 2021 the Society will be celebrating its 75th anniversary and will be holding a Discover Lundy week on the island in May. The AGM will coincide with this and take place on Saturday 15th May which should coincide with a Bideford sailing.

In 2022 the meeting will revert to the Boniface Centre in Crediton on Saturday 12th March.

10. Any other business

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 2.25pm. Dean Jones, the Lundy Warden, presented the wildlife report. After a short break Derek Green, Lundy General Manager, presented the Lundy report.

Michael Williams, Honorary Secretary

Lundy Field Society Treasurers Report and accounts

The accounts presented here show a deficit for the year of £4,984, just over 10% of our total reserves at the start of 2020. This needs to be viewed in the context of the substantial donation provided to the Landmark Lundy Appeal given at a time when all parties genuinely believed that the future viability of Lundy as we know it was in jeopardy. That donation was given, and accepted, with the caveats that it was to be used to further the objects of the Lundy Field Society.

Membership income has grown by 10% and donations have also increased. Included in donations is a total of £134 from Amazon Smile and members are encouraged to nominate the LFS as their charity of choice when buying online from Amazon. We also continue to benefit from generous monthly donations from the Jennetts Trust, for which we are grateful. The Gift Aid claim was similar to 2019, but with increased membership could rise in 2021. With access to the island restricted for much of the year, a research grant award has been carried over to 2021, but a grant of £500 was given to the *The Lundy Centre Appeal* for educational equipment, in the hope that school visits will resume in 2021. The cancellation of all planned Conservation Breaks meant that there was no expenditure attributed to supporting conservation.

Previous sales of *The Harman Family's Lundy* and *Protecting Lundy's Marine Life* have now covered the outlay, so the residual value of remaining stock of these publications has been written off. Sales of these publications in 2020 has been included in Sundry sales, along with sales of past Annual Reports and other donated publications and Lundy ephemera. The stock shown as assets includes the value at cost of stock of *Lundy Fungi* and Colouring books at the end of the year.

The Society continues to provide financial support to ornithological research on the island through bird ringing, by fully subsidising the cost of rings for Manx Shearwaters and from 2020 for Storm Petrels. Visiting members who are qualified bird ringers are also subsidised to an individual annual maximum of £25 and reimburse the LFS for ring usage above that. We are pleased that the warden is now qualified to ring birds independently, when he has spare time, and have agreed to cover the costs of rings used by him. The net value of our contribution to bird ringing in 2020 was £395.

As we were unable to hold a physical AGM in 2020 we missed the opportunity for additional sales and auction proceeds. The AGM did still incur expenditure; the printing of flyers for distribution with the Bulletin (at which time we were still hopeful that a face-to-face event could take place) and costs for mailing notifications of the online event to members for whom we do not have email addresses.

The 2020 expenditure shown for our regular publications – Bulletin, Annual Report and Journal – includes typesetting, printing and distribution costs, which has not necessarily been the case in previous years. We are grateful to the Lundy Company and the Bideford Shore Office staff for handling the franking of the Bulletin and Annual Report, which reduced the distribution costs.

In taking on the role of Honorary Treasurer, I would like to thank my predecessor, Roger Chapple, for the excellent state in which the records were handed over, and in particular for his assistance in the, far from trivial, task of transferring signing rights and correspondence addresses for our various accounts.

Chris W Dee, Honorary Treasurer

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2020

Income	2020	2019
	£	£
Subscriptions	9,222	8,353
Donations	1,511	1,128
Jennetts Trust	2,040	2,040
Gift Aid	1,345	1,364
Conservation break deposits	-	440
Book sales – <i>The Harman Family’s Lundy</i>	-	656
Book sales – <i>Protecting Lundy’s Marine Life</i>	-	92
Book sales – <i>Lundy Fungi</i>	280	889
Book sales – <i>Colouring Book</i>	-	67
Sundry sales	452	284
AGM auction	-	167
AGM lunches	-	305
Postage	68	31
Bird ringing	254	437
Sundries	45	22
Interest	116	126
Stock value increase	211	-
Total income	15,544	16,401
Deduct expenditure	20,528	9,517
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(4,984)	6,884
Expenditure	2020	2019
	£	£
Bulletin	934	872
Report	3,031	2,308
Journal	3,847	200
Website	66	33
Bird ringing	1,155	674
Grants	500	-
Conservation breaks	-	2,090
Donation to Landmark Lundy Appeal	10,000	-
AGM venue	-	186
AGM expenses	92	60
AGM catering	-	511
Books – <i>Colouring Book</i>	-	377
Committee expenses	109	147
Discover Lundy 2021	55	-
Membership survey	-	109
Postage	387	855
Stationery	64	53
LFS Library	116	-
Stock reduction	-	933
Sundries	172	64
Advisors fees	-	45
Total expenditure	20,528	9,517

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
Current Assets	£	£
Stock – books	3,702	3,997
Stock – bird rings	1,743	1,237
NS&I account	381	381
Current account	31,523	3,239
Reserve account	9	9
CAF (Shawbrook) account	-	15,109
Discover Lundy 2021 deposits with Landmark	5,608	5,608
Subtotal	42,966	29,580
Less		
Advance subscriptions	882	597
Advance conservation break deposits	450	350
Advance Discover Lundy 2021 payments	18,030	-
Creditors	-	45
Net current assets	23,604	28,588
Other assets		
LionTrust Sustainable Fund	20,000	20,000
Total assets	43,604	48,588
Reserves		
Brought forward	28,588	41,704
Transfer to specific reserve	-	-20,000
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(4,984)	6,884
General Reserves	23,604	28,588
Specific reserve	20,000	20,000
Total reserves	43,604	48,588

Note: In 2019 an Ethical Fund was established as an endowment in which income and capital would be accumulated to meet the costs of future major projects. This is shown above as a Specific reserve. At the balance sheet date the investment had a market value of £26,047 (£21,586 as at 31 December 2019).

Lundy Field Society Accounts Examination for 2020

‘I have examined the accounts of the Lundy Field Society for the year 1 January to 31 December 2020, and can report that the figures presented to me by the Honorary Treasurer, in my opinion, represent fairly and accurately the overall financial situation of the Society for the financial year.’

R A Williams
Honorary Independent Examiner
3 March 2021