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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 2.15 pm
Moffat House Hotel, High Street, Moffat, DG10 9HL**

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Approval of Minutes of the last General Meeting (22nd August 2018) and Matters Arising
3. Report by the Convenor on the activities of the Partnership
4. Report of the Auditor / Independent Financial Examiner
5. Approval of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019
6. Retiral and Election of Trustees
Retiral Andy McNab
Election John Esslemont, Karen Morley, Will Williams
7. Fixing of annual subscription rates for 2019/2020
It is proposed that membership rates are reduced to zero.
8. Appointment of Auditors / Independent Financial Examiners
It is proposed that the current arrangements are continued –
JRW Group, 19 Buccleuch Street, Hawick, TD9 OHL

The formal business of the meeting will be followed by presentations by
Mr Andrew Sheridan of Scottish Forestry
Mr Julian Bell of SRUC

**The Southern Uplands Partnership
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on
Wednesday 22nd August 2018 at 3.00 pm
Moffat House Hotel, Moffat**

Present

Alan Crichton	Trustee
Katie Hagmann	Trustee (Dumfries and Galloway Council)
Chris Miles	Trustee
Sarah Macdonald	Trustee (elected at meeting)
Joan Mitchell	Trustee (elected at meeting)
Andy McNab (Convenor)	Trustee
Charles Strang	Trustee
John Thomas	Trustee
Tony Fitzpatrick	Trustee
Myrtle Ashmole	Member
Philip Ashmole	Member
Roland Chaplain	Member
John and Marion Thomson	Members

In Attendance

Robert Balfour	
Cat Barlow	SUP South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project
Frank Beattie	Scottish Enterprise
Bill Coombes	Forestry Commission Scotland
Niall Corbett	Scottish Natural Heritage
Kevin Cumming	Langholm Initiative
Duncan Davidson	Tweedsmuir CDC
Vicky Davidson	Ettrick and Yarrow Community Development Company
John Esslemont	
Ed Forrest	Southern Uplands Partnership
Mike Fraser	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
Anna Griffin	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Anne Gray	Heather Trust
Russel Griggs	South of Scotland Economic Partnership
Anna Johnson	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Philip Munro	SUP South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project
Simon Pilpel	South Lanarkshire Council
Graham Stewart	Royal Botanic Gardens
Paul and Linsey Swift	
Ronnie Tait	Langholm Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council
Pip Tabor	Southern Uplands Partnership
Rick Taylor	SUP South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project
Andy Tharme	Scottish Borders Council
Bruce Wilson	Scottish Wildlife Trust

1. Apologies

Sheila Adams	Southern Uplands Partnership
Bridie Ashrowan	Trustee
Amanda Burgauer	Scottish Rural Action
Liz Brookes	Trustee
Luke Comins	Tweed Forum

Robert Dick	Member
Peter Dreghorn	Restoring Annan's Water
Catherine Francis	Scottish Land Fund
Kate Foster	Member
Emma Harper MSP	
Doug Howieson	Forestry Commission Scotland
Lynne Jobes	
Isabel King	
Peter Pitkin	Member
Dave Roberts	SRUC
Jane Rosegrant	Borders Forest Trust
Caroline Robertson	
Peter Ross	Member
Alan Smith	
Clare Storla	Scottish Land and Estates
Fergus Watson	Trustee

2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of 28th June 2017 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the AGM of 28th June 2017 were agreed as a true record and were moved for approval by Cllr Katie Hagmann and seconded by Mr Alan Crichton.

There were no Matters Arising.

3. Trustees / Directors Report

The Convenor, Mr Andy McNab, referred to the Annual Report, within the Accounts and published as a separate document. The document was not read at the meeting to allow more time for the Guest Speakers and discussion, but questions or feedback on the report were invited by email to Pip Tabor (piptabor@sup.org.uk).

4. Approval of Accounts

The Convenor advised that the Accounts, which had been prepared by JRW Group, had been discussed in detail at the Board meeting earlier in the day. The Partnership had been fortunate in receiving a £10k donation and was still in a healthy financial position, although it had required to draw on reserves to cover costs during the financial year.

The Accounts for 2017/18 were formally approved by Directors and proposed as such by Mr Alan Crichton and seconded by Mr Charles Strang.

5. Election of Directors

The following nominations were received:

Mr Dave Roberts, Professor of Dairy Farming Systems and Knowledge Exchange SRUC
Standing as a Group Director (proposed by Mike Fraser and seconded by Alan Crichton)

Ms Lynne Jobes, Ride Borders
Standing as Group Director (proposed by Fergus Watson and seconded by Mike Fraser)

Dr Joan Mitchell
Standing as a Group Director (proposed by Mary Ann Smyth and seconded by John Thomas)

Sarah Macdonald standing as an Individual member
(proposed by Andy McNab and seconded by Charles Strang)

No objections were received to the nominations and the appointments were confirmed.

All new Directors have a wealth of experience and were welcomed to the Board.

6. Fixing of Subscription Rates for 2018/19

Membership rates were last increased in 2014 and it was proposed that the current membership rates remain as they are, which was agreed.

7. Appointment of Auditors

It was recommended that the Company Accountants, JRW Group, are retained for the forthcoming financial year, which was agreed.

8. Announcement of Election of Directors (if necessary)

No election was necessary.

9. Any Other Business

As the formal business of the AGM was complete, Mr McNab thanked John Thomas, Alan Crichton and Tony Fitzpatrick who had all completed two three-year terms on the Board and were now required to stand-down. He also thanked Fergus Watson and Liz Brookes who were standing down. All had contributed significantly to the SUP.

The formal business of the AGM concluded at 3.20 pm.

Mr McNab introduced the Guest Speakers:

Professor Russel Griggs, Chair of the South of Scotland Economic Partnership

Mr Bruce Wilson Public Affairs Manager Scottish Wildlife Trust

Dr Cat Barlow, Manager, South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project

The Convenor thanked the speakers for their interesting talks and for answering questions from the floor.

He thanked everyone for attending the Annual General Meeting and wished them a safe return journey. The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.