



**Yorkshire Naturalists' Union**  
Charity 224018

Minutes of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union Annual General Meeting, held at The Aislabie Suite, Fountains Abbey, Ripon, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**1. Members present:**

John Bowers (Chair), Andy Millard (Minutes secretary), Phyl Abbott, Michael Archer, Terry Crawford, Roy Crossley, Elizabeth Elliott, Cliff Evans, Gladys Evans, Elizabeth Fell, Rob Adams, Charlie Fletcher, Peter Flint, Sharon Flint, Andy Godfrey, Andy Grayson, Margaret Hartley, Colin Howes, Paula Lightfoot, Kay McDowell, Susie Millard, Geoffrey Morries, Jane Beddeley, Geoff Oxford, Roma Oxford, Jim Pewtress, Mark Seaward, Paul Simmons, Joyce Simmons, Carole Sobkowiak, Sarah Spooner, Nancy Stedman, Deborah Millward, Peter Tannett, Simon Warwick, Jill Warwick, Sarah White, Ken White, Kate Wright, Judith Allinson, Richard Brown.

Members from twenty affiliated societies were present: Bradford Botany Group, Butterfly Conservation Yorkshire Branch, Castleford Naturalists' Society, Craven Conservation Group, Darlington & Teesdale Naturalists' Field Club, Doncaster Naturalists' Society, Friends of Bowland, Halifax Scientific Society, Harrogate and District Naturalists' Society, High Batts Nature Reserve, Leeds Naturalists' Club and Scientific Association, Lower Ure Conservation Trust, Mid-Yorkshire Fungus Group, Ryedale Natural History Society, Sorby Natural History Society, Thorne & Hatfield Moors Conservation Forum, Yoredale Natural History Society, Yorkshire Conchological Society, Yorkshire Mammal Group, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Barry Warrington, Adrian Norris, John Newbould, Stephen Worwood, Albert Henderson, Terry Whitaker, Mike Denton.

**3. In memoriam**

The meeting stood for one minute's silence in memory of the following members, who had died since the last AGM: Mrs V.R.Barker, Mr John Cudworth, Mr Ken Burdon, Mr Cedric Collingwood, Mr David Hird.

**4. Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes of the last AGM held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2015 were accepted and approved. Proposed by Jill Warwick, seconded by Peter Flint and accepted *nem. con.*

**5. Annual Report and Accounts**

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairman, John Bowers, presented the Annual Report and Financial Statements. The acceptance of the report was proposed by Sarah White, seconded by Simon Warwick and accepted *nem. con.*

## **6. Appointment of Auditors**

Peter Flint proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Simon Warwick and accepted *nem con*, to the auditor, West and Foster Chartered Accountants, for their many years of work for the YNU. John Bowers formally proposed that Crumpton & Co., Chartered Accountants of 682 Anlaby Road, Hull HU3 6UZ be appointed as YNU auditors for the next financial year, seconded by Sarah White and agreed *nem con*.

## **7. Election of Trustees**

There were three vacancies for trustees. The following were nominated at the last executive meeting on 24 October 2015: John Bowers, nominated by Adrian Norris and seconded by Peter Flint; Andy Godfrey nominated by John Bowers and seconded by Adrian Norris; Paula Lightfoot nominated by John Bowers and seconded by Peter Flint. All three were elected *nem. con*.

## **8. Election of President Elect**

Peter Tannett proposed Peter Flint as President of the YNU for 2018, seconded by Geoff Oxford and approved *nem. con*.

## **9. Any other business.**

- It was announced that Adrian Norris was retiring from most YNU activity with immediate effect and that the Executive had conveyed to him their very grateful thanks for his immense contribution to the work of the YNU.
- It was noted that Colin Howes and Terry Crawford had been made honorary members for their long-standing and very valuable contribution to the YNU.

Andy Millard (Minutes Secretary)