



THE MORAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP
("the Partnership")
Company Number: SC196042

MINUTE of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Partnership
Thistle Hotel, Millburn Road, Inverness
18 May 2015, 10am

Present

Maureen Macmillan (Chair)
George Hogg (Vice Chair)
Ken Gray (Director)
Graham Grant (Director)

Kathryn Logan (MFP Manager)

Other members of the Partnership and non-members, as shown in the AGM Attendance List.

Apologies

Apologies were intimated from a number of other members, appendix B.

Welcome and Housekeeping

The Board of Directors and current MFP staff were introduced.

Notice and Quorum

Notice of the meeting, copied to members, was taken as read. More than 10 members being present, or duly represented, the meeting was declared quorate and proceeded to business.

1. Chair's Report

The Chair updated members on progress of the key core and project activities in 2013 and 2014, including changes in staffing. The work plan for 2015/16 was also highlighted, which included work on developing an options report re future regional marine planning for the Moray Firth. To enable initial discussions with a wide range of stakeholders this work would commence at the open meeting following the AGM.

2. Formal Resolutions:

George Hogg led discussion on the formal resolutions.

Resolution 1 - Accounts & Reports

To receive the statement of accounts of the Partnership for the period ended 31 March 2014 and the balance sheet as at that date, with the reports of the Board of Directors and Independent Financial examiners thereon.

KL gave a brief summation of the results for the year to March 2014 which showed a small surplus of income over expenditure. The accounts, which had been examined by the Independent Financial Adviser Mohamed Ashour of Signpost, were accepted unanimously.

Resolution 2 - Election of Directors

To elect up to two members to the Board.

The Partnership can have a maximum of 7 directors in terms of its Articles of Association. Each year, one third of the directors must retire by rotation.

Gordon Mackie (retiring by rotation and standing for re-election)
Bill Ruck (retiring by rotation and standing for re-election)

Composition of Board following the election:

As there had been no other nominations, both directors were unanimously re-appointed. Following this re-election the Board had a full complement of seven directors: Maureen Macmillan (Chair), George Hogg (Vice Chair), Michael Comerford, Graham Grant, Ken Gray Gordon Mackie and William Ruck.

Appointment of Chairman

Members were advised that the Chair is elected annually by the Board at its first meeting following the AGM. The current Chair of the Partnership, Maureen Macmillan would be standing again. Any current director was eligible to stand. Details of this appointment would be posted online and in the MFP e-news.

Resolution 3 - Appointment of independent financial examiners

To authorise the new Board of Directors to appoint an Independent Financial Examiner to the Partnership and to fix the remuneration.

Members were advised that Brian Colgan of Scott Moncrieff (incorporating Callander Colgan) had been appointed following a successful tender process. Mohamed A. Ashour ACIE, Signpost Inc., the former examiner was no longer providing IFE services. The Notice of AGM had referred to Callander Colgan, as the amalgamation with Scott Moncrieff had only taken effect from 01 May 2015). Resolution 3 was agreed unanimously.

Nomination: Ken Gray Seconder: Graham Grant

3. Votes of Thanks

GH thanked Maureen Macmillan for her hard work over the past year as Chair.

On behalf of the Partnership, he thanked the wide range of organisations that provide support both with core funds, expertise and advice, and particularly those key funders who have provided long term support, such as Marine Scotland, Port of Cromarty Firth, Aberdeenshire Council and Chevron Upstream Europe, Scottish Natural Heritage.

It would not have been possible for the Partnership to achieve the work it has done over the years without this support. Other funders were thanked for their support of project work.

GH also gave a special note of thanks to the staff for their dedication and hard work over the year.

There being no further items raised for discussion, the meeting closed at 1045 hrs. This was followed by the Regional Marine Planning event.

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