

The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales

9th Annual General Meeting

To be held at The North Gower Hotel, Llanrhidian, North Gower, Swansea SA3 1EE
on Saturday 15th October 2011



Join with us to celebrate 50 years of Wildlife Trust work in South and West Wales

Programme

10.00 am An opportunity to see woodland conservation work in action - Meet at Gelli Hir car park (Grid Ref: SS 562 925). Gelli Hir is a mixed broadleaved and wet woodland with a pond. A programme of woodland management work is being carried out on our Gower reserves with more work planned for the next five years. Members can meet with the Swansea Neath Port Talbot reserve staff to see some of the work they do and to find out more about future plans. There is a bird hide and an extensive network of paths and if members want they can enjoy a walk around the reserve which would be approximately 2 km and would take about 1½ hours and is mostly on level ground. There is a small car park and lay-by. The reserve is 4.4 miles east of the AGM venue, North Gower Hotel. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear if planning on visiting and walking on the reserve.

Lunch options: Please either bring your own packed lunch or bar lunches are available in the North Gower Hotel, The Greyhound Inn at Oldwalls or the Welcome to Town Restaurant (although booking is advisable). The near-by Heronsway Filling Station sells a range of sandwiches, pasties and drinks.

12.30 Assemble at the North Gower Hotel

12.45 pm – Chairman's Introduction and welcome followed by:

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Agenda

- 1) To receive apologies for absence
- 2) To approve minutes of AGM held 27th November 2010 (summary included)*
- 3) Chairman's Report
- 4) Treasurer's Report
 - 4 a) To receive the annual audited accounts and reports for the financial year ended 31st March 2011*
- 5) To approve the following recommendations of the Board:
 - i) that Dr Robert Anthony be re-appointed to the Board
 - ii) that co-opted Trustees: Prof Lynda Warren, Lynda Hickling and Dr Ruth Watkins be appointed to the Board.
- 6) To elect new members to the Board of Trustees (see enclosed postal ballot form)
- 7) To confirm the re-appointment of the Auditors
- 8) Any Other Business

1.30 Nigel Ajax Lewis, Head of Biodiversity and Policy, will give a talk on '50 years of The Wildlife Trust working for wildlife in South and West Wales'

2.15 Rob Parry, Conservation Manager on nature conservation aspirations for the next 50 years.

3.00 Refreshment break - coffee/tea and biscuits and a chance to see the various information displays and an opportunity to purchase Wildlife Trust gifts

3.30 Key note speaker – Jane Davidson, ex Assembly Member and current Director of the Institute of Strategic Practice, Innovation and Resource Effectiveness (INSPIRE) will give a talk on 'Sustainable Development – Challenges and Opportunities for WTSWW'.

4.30 Chairman's summing up and depart

*Full minutes and full accounts will be available at the AGM on 15th October 2011 and on our website www.welshwildlife.org or you can request a copy by contacting Diana Clark on 01656 724100 or d.clark@welshwildlife.org

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Summary minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 27th November 2010

The AGM was attended by 38 members including 4 Trustees with 9 staff in attendance. Chairman Prof Lynda Warren welcomed members and thanked them for attending on such an icy day. She handed over to CEO Sarah Kessell, who gave a summary of the work that had been achieved during the year. There were talks by student Rose Revera on her work on the Parc Slip survey and Steve Sutcliffe on the Skokholm Restoration Project. The formal business of the AGM started at 11.30 am.

1. Introduction: Prof Warren welcomed those present.

2. Apologies for Absence: 18 apologies were received.

3. To approve minutes of the last AGM: these were proposed as correct by Denys Smith, seconded by Mike Evans and approved by all present.

4. Chairman's Report: Prof Lynda Warren thanked the staff for their hard work and stated that the Trust was working towards targets in the Business Plan and Development Plan. She reported that Trustees are working closely with staff on a variety of Task & Finish groups and a new Finance and Audit committee had been set up, which had increased efficiency and given a better overview of the Trust's work. She highlighted the time and effort that had gone into fighting the badger cull. Changes with the forthcoming elections, Natural Environmental Framework and closer working of Countryside Council for Wales, Environment Agency Wales and Forestry Commission Wales would have implications for the Trust. She handed over to Prof Barry Thomas for the Treasurer's Report.

5. Treasurer's Report: Prof Barry Thomas gave an overview of the previous financial year stating that the Trust was operating in a deficit position which the recession had made worse. The Trust is working to the Business Plan which incorporates the Financial Recovery Plan and it is hoped to turn the deficit to an operating surplus in the next five years. He asked members to accept the audited accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2010. This was proposed by Lynda Hickling and seconded by Derek Moore. There were no questions from members.

6. Recommendations of the Board

Prof Lynda Warren and Lynda Hickling were to be co-opted to the Board following the end of their second term in office.

7. To elect new members to the Board of Trustees

A nomination from Dr Ruth Watkins had been received outside the due time and it would have been incorrect to elect her. However the Board proposed to co-opt her for the next year as it was felt she would be an asset to the Trust.

8. To confirm the re-appointment of the Auditors

The re-appointment of Broomfield & Alexander was proposed by John Gale, seconded by Derek Moore and agreed by all.

9. Any Other Business

i) East Carmarthen group volunteers were thanked for their help with providing refreshments.

ii) Denys Smith thought that Trustees should not only be recruited for their business ability. He also informed members that even though the walk to Castle Woods would not take place due to the inclement weather those members who wished to do so could visit the Wildlife Trust's Dinefwr Castle by car at any time.

iii) David Gardner thanked the staff and Trustees and other volunteers for their hard work and he had been impressed by what had been achieved and said that he would be pleased to be co-opted to the Board to help. Prof Warren thanked him and would discuss this with him and any other members who may wish to be co-opted to the Board during the year.

iv) The draw of the raffle took place.

Members were thanked for attending and the AGM closed at 12.15 pm

Voting at the Annual General Meeting 15th October 2011

If a member wishes to appoint another member as proxy to speak and vote for them at the AGM please complete the following form, to be received by the Tondy office, at least 2 clear days before the meeting i.e by end of business 12th October 2011.

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I/We hereby appoint _____ to be my/our proxy to vote and speak for me/us at the Annual General Meeting of the Trust to be held on Saturday 15th October 2011 at the North Gower Hotel, Llanrhidian.

Name (Please print) _____

Address _____

_____ Signed _____ Date _____