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**Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting of the Welsh Ornithological Society
6 November 2010, Carno**

1. Apologies for absence

Brian Jones (Presteigne)

2. Minutes of the last AGM on 7 November 2009, Llanrwst

Proposed as accurate by Mick Green, seconded by Ursula Bowen. Accepted.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Chairman's report

The affiliation of bird clubs across Wales is going well and is useful for political reasons as it enables the Welsh Ornithological Society to act as a voice of birdwatchers across Wales and is useful for obtaining financial support. The Chairman thanked the Council and members of the Society for their support during the year. In the future, the Chairman hopes the Welsh Ornithological Society will be able to fund small projects for the benefit of birds in Wales.

The Chairman would welcome the views of any members on how we can improve the Society. The Chairman reported that he has some ideas about improving the Welsh Bird Report and he is very pleased with the new website and thanked Julian Hughes who created and maintains it.

5. Treasurer's report

The financial situation was reported to be similar to last year's though bank interest income has dropped. He hopes that the conference will at least break even or possibly make a surplus this year. The financial situation should stay even so long as printing and postage costs do not rise.

There were no questions about the financial statement.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Steph Tyler and seconded by Julian Hughes. Accepted.

6. Secretary's report

Minuted the various meetings of Council and AGM and had organised this conference. He represented the Society at the first meeting of the Wales Bird Conservation Forum.

7. Editor's report

The Editor made a plea for more papers to be published in 'Birds in Wales' and hoped that all members enjoyed the last, large edition. She thanked Jon Green for his work on the Rare and Scarce Birds report and Rhion Pritchard for taking on the editing of the Welsh Bird Report.

8. Election of officers

All the current officers have completed their second of three years, so there were no vacant posts.

9. Election of Council members

Three existing Council members had completed their second of three years and one the first of three years and did not need re-election.

The Chairman informed the meeting that there were spaces for another four members of Council. Volunteers should contact him.

10. Date of next meeting

The next AGM will be on 5 November 2011 at a venue to be decided.