

Minutes of the Council meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, 30th June 2021

Present: Anne Brenchley, Alison Noble, Giles Pepler, Rhion Pritchard, Clare Ryland, Jez Smith, Steve Sutcliffe, Anthony Caravaggi

Apologies for absence: Carlton Parry, Dan Jenkins-Jones

21.23	<p>AC was asked by AB to Chair the meeting having sent proposals to Council regarding web hosting and re-naming of the journal <i>Birds in Wales</i>.</p> <p>These issues are linked to the planned transition to online publication of the journal and warranted discussion by Council before the full Council meeting on 10th July.</p>	
21.24	<p>Journal hosting and costs</p> <p>AC advised that Public Knowledge Project (PKP) was the most suitable option for a temporary (1 year) hosting of the journal. The cost of \$850 as a one-off payment was agreed by Council along with the proposals for updating the journal at the 18th January 2021 Council meeting (21.03.03).</p> <p>Following this WOS needs permanent remote hosting or a web host who can host WordPress and deal with a PKP installation. Glynn / Yellow Fly has expressed reluctance to host a PKP installation, might be necessary to look elsewhere. Yellow Fly hosting costs are currently £500 pa.</p> <p>Host to be in Wales and ideally in close proximity to Council member in charge of web site – currently GP.</p> <p>It will be useful to have metrics on reach of journal after its progression online to compare with current access via website, which is minimal.</p> <p>AC to draw up short (A4) summary of requirements to send to GP and then on to the rest of Council</p> <p>GP to double check with Glynn regarding Yellow Fly's position</p> <p>GP and AC to share with each other their respective discussions with Yellow Fly</p> <p>Agenda item for 10th July Council meeting to discuss hosting options going forward</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>GP</p> <p>GP/AC</p> <p>CR</p>
21.24	<p>Re-naming the journal</p> <p>There is a potential for confusion between the old book <i>Birds in Wales</i>, the new book <i>Birds of Wales</i>, the journal <i>Birds in Wales</i> and the web site URL birdsin.wales despite the organisation being the Welsh Ornithological Society.</p> <p>Discussions were had about the domain name but it was agreed that the more pressing issue was the renaming of the journal.</p>	

		<p>The title 'Milvus' was seen as a good choice, with the sub-title 'Journal of the Welsh Ornithological Society'.</p> <p>It was suggested to ask WOS members going forward whether they would prefer an online or a paper version of the journal, with the expectation that current members would prefer to stick with the hard copy (which was agreed in the current WOS strategy would continue until 2025 at least), whereas new members may opt for an online version.</p>	
		Next Council Meetings	
		<p>10th July 2021 20th November 2021</p>	
		<p>Clare Ryland 1st July 2021</p>	