

## Minutes of the Council meeting via Zoom on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Present: Anne Brenchley, Alison Noble, Carlton Parry, Giles Pepler, Rhion Pritchard, Clare Ryland, Daniel Jenkins-Jones, Kelvin Jones, Jez Smith, Dan Rouse, Mike Shewring

Apologies for absence: Steve Sutcliffe, Anthony Caravaggi

21.39		<p><b>2021 AGM</b></p> <p>It was agreed to keep the AGM separate from the Conference this year.</p> <p>The 2020 AGM carried out using Survey Monkey worked very well and drew a better response than previous AGMs: it was agreed to use the same method this year.</p> <p>The date for the AGM was set for 6<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>Voting papers need to be sent out by 8<sup>th</sup> October, where possible by email with the remainder by post. Job description/advertisement for Treasurer provided by SSu and advertisement for new Council member after CP steps down in November to go out with the voting papers.</p> <p><b>Date of AGM plus details of 2 vacancies to go out with next E-newsletter and be published on website and social media. Suggest that new Council member be willing to take on position of managing the programme of online talks.</b></p> <p><b>CR to contact Ian Spence to discuss Survey Monkey for AGM</b></p>	<p><b>Comms team</b></p> <p><b>CR</b></p>
21.40		<p><b>Photographic Competition</b></p> <p>The 4 judges have been confirmed – Ben Porter, Toby Carter, Steve Stansfield and Louise Cooper, a Natural Sciences student at USWTSD.</p> <p>Entries are coming in slowly.</p> <p>It was agreed it would be a good idea to put together a calendar using entries from the competition, with a print run of c. 400 to offer to members first as a 'limited edition'.</p> <p><b>GP and DR to discuss printing and technicalities</b></p>	<p><b>GP / DR</b></p>
21.41		<p><b><i>Milvus</i></b></p> <p>There have been some delays with the latest edition, Ian Spence is acting as co-editor with AC to get the journal completed.</p>	
21.42		<p><b><i>Birds of Wales</i></b></p>	

		<p>Feedback thus far has been overwhelmingly positive although there have been some issues with distribution. All pre-publication orders should have been delivered by the end of next week (August 13<sup>th</sup>).</p> <p>LUP is sending copies of the book to journals and magazines, some of which are international, for reviews.</p> <p>The issue with the missed sponsorship has been looked into and dealt with.</p>	
21.43		<p><b>Consultations</b></p> <p>As the profile of WOS is raised, the society is increasingly being asked to engage with more consultations. This links with the issue of position statements raised at the last Council meeting</p> <p>It is important for the general public to understand why WOS does not have the capacity to engage with every campaign.</p> <p><b>This in an action for the November Council meeting for all Council members to come up with a list of criteria - – see item 21.35.04 from minutes of meeting from 10<sup>th</sup> July.</b></p> <p><b>Comms Group to get updates on all issues WOS engages with</b></p> <p><b>Comms Group to include updates on these issues in future editions of the E-newsletter, with some to be included in future editions of <i>Milvus</i>.</b></p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>AB</b></p> <p><b>Comms / AC</b></p>
21.44		<p><b>Conference</b></p>	
	44.01	<p>Organisation</p> <p>The date for a virtual conference was fixed for 6<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>KJ and AB have had discussions with the BTO and Cofnod respectively. The BTO have been approached to host the conference (yet to confirmed) using Eventbrite for the bookings and the BTO sharing the profits. Cofnod are happy to give free advice and tips.</p> <p>AB, GP, KJ and CR agreed to form a Conference sub-group with DR offering technical advice.</p> <p><b>CR to canvas Conference group to arrange Zoom meeting between 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> August</b></p> <p><b>AB and KJ to hold meeting with Mike Toms (BTO) to discuss the organisation of the Conference and fees</b></p> <p><b>CR to investigate upgrading WOS Zoom account to include a Q+A setting, increasing participants from 300 to 1000</b></p> <p><b>Conference to be advertised on social media</b></p>	<p><b>CR</b></p> <p><b>AB / KJ</b></p> <p><b>CR</b></p> <p><b>Comms</b></p>
	44.02	<p>Speakers / Programme</p>	

It was agreed to stick to the theme originally chosen for the 2020 Conference, Birds and Farming, and to approach those speakers who had agreed to speak last year.

It was felt 8 speakers would be too many for an on-line Conference, and that with the exception of Ian Newton the talks should be kept to a maximum of 20 minutes.

Those speakers not giving their talks at the Conference to be contacted by Council to have the reasoning explained, and asked whether they would be willing to be part of a future on-line talks programme.

The following provisional programme was agreed:

- Welcome by WOS Chair (AB)
- Introduction and usual annual round-up by WOS President - Iolo Williams
- Birds and Farming - Ian Newton (30 minutes)

Break

- Birds of Welsh Farmland - John Lloyd
- NFFN - Sorcha Lewis / Rhys Evans
- The Future for Welsh Farmland Birds – Arfon Williams

Lunch

- RSPB Cymru update – Neil Lambert
- BTO Cymru update – Kelvin Jones
- Awards?
- Cuckoos - Chris Hewson (20 minutes)
- Announcement of the Photographic Competition
- Final comments and goodbye by Chair

Entries from the photographic competition to be shown as a screenshow during the breaks.

For conference to check availability

**AB to contact Ian Newton and John Lloyd** **AB**

**CP to contact Sorcha Lewis** **CP**

**KJ to contact Chris Hewson** **KJ**

**?? to contact Arfon Williams** **NL??**

For future on-line talks programme – still need Council member to take on the running of this programme.

**KJ to contact Katharine Bowgen** **KJ**

**CP to contact Andy King** **CP**

**AB to contact Chris Jones and Peter Dennis, DR to forward their contact details** **AB / DR**

44.03 Lifetime Achievement Award

**DR proposed Wendy James for the Lifetime Achievement Award and will put together a nomination** **DR**

In previous years nominations for this award have come either from Council members or via the Affiliate Groups.

**During the meeting it was suggested that further nominations could be sought via social media, however after checking previous minutes and the website AB has requested that the established procedure be adhered to, and not to invite nominations via social media.**

44.04 Student Research Award

**JS to contact last year's recipient Olivia Norris to see whether she would be willing to do a short talk (5 minutes) about her work.** **JS**

Might be possible to arrange a photo-shoot with Olivia (and potential 2021 recipient) receiving the award from IW.

44.05 Ticketing

A charge of £6 for members and £12 for non-members was provisionally agreed. MS suggested an early bird offer, potentially £5 and £10.

Eventbrite provides the opportunity to state what the profit would go towards.

		<b>ALL to report back on progress by August 16th</b>	<b>ALL</b>
21.45		<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Closing dates for Small Grant applications confirmed as 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022</p> <p>DR advised that BirdGuides had agreed to advertise the Small Grants Scheme in their on-line edition.</p>	
		<b>Next Council Meetings</b>	
		<p>20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – CR to arrange venue in Newtown            12<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – venue TBA            16<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – venue TBA            19<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – venue TBA</p>	<b>CR</b>
		Clare Ryland	
		8 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	