



**51<sup>st</sup> AGM for Manx Wildlife Trust**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024, at Lloyds Bank, Douglas, 7.00pm**

**Present:** Graham Makepeace-Warne, Leigh Morris, Simon Caine, Felicity Caine, Magnus Grinneback, Antony Boyd, Garry Curtis, Jamie Amoedo, Marion Bolam, Alan Cope, Sarah Woodward, David Elyan, David Bellamy, Kim Etherton, Paul Etherton, Roger Pullin, Mr & Mrs Jenkins, Margaret Kelly, Steve Wright, Mr & Mrs Kennett and Clive Alford

Attending remotely; Rachel Glover, Keir Powell-Lewis, Jane Clucas and Mark Fitzpatrick

**Apologies:** Phillipa Tomlinson, Peter Davey, Stephen & Susan King, Fay Manners, John Bowers, Wendy Kirkpatrick, Sheila & Richard Norris, Sue Harvey, Sue Woolard and Gilli Cowley, Sophie Pearce

**Welcome:** Simon Cain (Chair) welcomed everyone to this 51<sup>st</sup> AGM of MWT and provided his overview of the work of MWT during the last 12 months. Simon Cain suggested they were open to increasing the numbers of Trustees and new nominees would be welcome, particularly if they could add diversity to the existing group.

**Ordinary Resolutions:**

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

Two amendments were approved (a correction to the date in the heading on point 1. and Anthony Boyd's title).

Proposer: John Hunter Seconder: Magnus Grinneback. The amended minutes of the 50th AGM were then unanimously approved.

**2. Approval of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.**

Anthony Boyd (Treasurer) thanked the work of the Finance Committee, the Officers of the company and Kat Whittaker of Number 1 Accounting, as well as the shop volunteers for their support. Anthony Boyd presented the accounts and highlighted that the balance included money received from Aviva for the purchase of land at Creg Y Cowin (which may have given a false impression of the overall surplus balance):

- The Annual Accounts are available on the MWT website.
- Questions were invited from attendees; there were no questions.

Proposer: Jamie Amoedo Seconder: Kim Etherton. The Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2024 were unanimously approved.

**3. Approval of the reappointment of Moore Dixon as auditors and their remuneration in such terms as shall be approved by Council.**

Proposer: Felicity Cain, Seconder: Jamie Amoedo. The reappointment of Moore Dixon as auditors was unanimously approved.



**4. Re-election of the following members of Council, being those subject to re-election by rotation having already served on Council for 3 years:**

- Sophie Pearce
- Simon Cain
- Paul Thomas
- Keir Powell-Lewis

Proposer: Roger Pullen, Seconders: David Elyan. The re-election of the council members was unanimously approved.

**5. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Leigh Morris presented his summary report for the last year - the full report is available on the MWT website.

**6. Presentation**

David Bellamy, Head of Conservation & Land at Manx Wildlife Trust; presented a talk on local conservation titled 'Nature Conservation in the Isle of Man – Past, Present and Future.

**7. Questions and any other business:**

A question was raised regarding the proposed windfarm at Earystane and the impact of disturbance to protected species such as hen harriers. Leigh Morris and David Bellamy replied that MWT would follow standard procedure, and await all the available facts and evidence, before providing a thorough and detailed response using due process.

**8. Chairperson closing remarks**

Simon Cain thanked all those who attended this year's meeting.

**The meeting ended at approximately 8.35pm.**

The AGM 2024 was recorded on Zoom and is available to watch again for a limited period of time. A link to this is on the following webpage; <https://www.mwt.im/AGM>