



ACTION FOR THE RIVER KENNET

Minutes of the ARK Annual General Meeting 7 pm 24 November 2014

Attendees from Committee

Richard Clarke
Dr Geoffrey Findlay (GF) (Chairman)
Don Harris
Charlotte Hitchmough (CH) (Director)
Martin Gibson

John Lawson
Sean Dempster
Sir Nigel Thompson (President)
Rodney Owen-Jones
Linda Nemeth

Welcome

Geoffrey Findlay welcomed members and the guest speakers.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman shared some of the highlights of the year before passing over to Charlotte for a full Director's Report of the activities of ARK.

Director's Report

Charlotte Hitchmough summarised the year's work, which was reviewed in the 2015 Annual Report.

There followed a series of presentations:

Life of a Chalkstream

Simon Cooper
(Author)

Pillboxes of the Kennet Valley

Hugh Pihlens
(Local Historian)

Fat bergs – the menace lurking in our sewers

Craig Rance
(Thames Water)

The River Kennet - National River Prize Finalists 2015

Graham Scholey
(Environment Agency)

Reducing abstraction – progress on the Swindon pipeline

Simon Hughes

(Thames Water)

Riverfly monitoring

Harry Forbes

(ARK)

These documents are all available on the ARK website: <http://www.riverkennet.org/event/events-introduction>

Apologies

Robin Lalonde, Roger and Pauline Smith, Barry and Janet Heirons, Juliet Bonser, Dave Brotheridge, Kevin Light, Tony Reader, Rosalind Allen, Martin Harrison.

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2014

The minutes were accepted as a correct record. Proposed by Martin Gibson, seconded Bryan Castle

Treasurer's Report

The accounts to March 2015 were in the Annual Report, available at the meeting, and had been approved by the Trustees. The accounts were healthy with reserves in excess of one year's operating costs.

The accounts were accepted. Proposed by Nigel Thompson, seconded Alexander Kirk-Wilson

Election of Honorary Officers

Geoffrey Findlay was re-elected as Chairman and as a Trustee. Proposed by Sir Nigel Thompson, seconded by Bryan Castle.

The existing members of the Executive Committee were re-elected. Proposed by Anna Harrison, seconded by Alexander Kirk-Wilson: Richard Clarke, James Dallas, Sean Dempster, Martin Gibson, Don Harris, Charlotte Hitchmough, Kevin Light, John Lawson, Peter Marren, Dr Rodney Owen-Jones, Sir Nigel Thompson.

Prize Giving

Bruce Hayllar won "Volunteer of the Year" and was presented with a glass bowl engraved with an otter by Anna Forbes, Volunteer Co-ordinator. The raffle was drawn and prizes collected.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and invited them to share some refreshments and chat further with guests and Committee members.

The meeting closed at 9.24 pm

Linda Nemeth
4th December 2015