

Edinburgh Geological Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 7pm Wednesday 18 January 2012, Grant Institute

Present

Angus Macpherson (Chair) and 47 members as listed in the attached Attendance Sheet.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Fiona McGibbon and Ben Johnson.

Minutes of Previous Meeting 19 January 2011

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

President's Report

The President noted that in the absence of the Secretary, he was combining the President's and the Secretary's Reports. He reported that the Society had much to be proud of in its achievements of the last four years, with publication of three superb guides, the *Edinburgh Geologist* restarted, increased membership, a healthy financial position, a strong programme of lectures and excursions and support for the new Edinburgh U3A Geology Group. The combined Annual Report and Proceedings had been circulated to members in advance.

He complimented the hard work of the Council on these achievements and in particular thanked Christine Thomson who was stepping down as Membership Secretary, Ian Jackson who was retiring as Publication Sales Officer and Sarah Bailey who was relinquishing the post of Billet Secretary. He also thanked Bob McIntosh for his work as the Society's Librarian and Archivist.

The President thanked Angus Miller for his work both as Secretary and in organising the highly successful first Scottish Geodiversity Forum. He also complimented the Treasurer, Bob Morley, for his outstanding achievements including bringing the Society's funds back into balance.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Morley presented the highlights of the accounts and noted that the Society's funds were now showing a surplus, albeit a small one as some of the funds were already committed. However the position was a welcome improvement over the previous two financial years. He noted that there was still an estimated £1,000 in Gift Aid which could be brought in if all members who were UK taxpayers signed up to the scheme, and he encouraged everyone who had not already done so to complete a Gift Aid form. He welcomed Fiona Murdoch, the Society's Investment Advisor from Brewin Dolphin, to the meeting and complimented her on her excellent management of the Society's finances during a difficult period.

The Treasurer summarised the Society's income and expenditure over the year and explained that the write-down of publications stock, which had contributed to losses in previous years, was completed in 2010. The subsidy for excursions was gradually reducing although administrative costs were increasing as a result of external factors such as increased postage costs. He noted with regret that the Society's financial position did not yet permit it to increase its grant-giving.

Election of Council Members

Nominations to Council had been published in the Billet and on the website. The nominations were proposed by Prof Euan Clarkson and seconded by Mike Browne. The following were elected:

President	Graham Leslie
Vice-President	Christine Thompson
Vice-President	Mike Browne
Immediate Past President	Angus Macpherson
Secretary	Beverly Bergman
Treasurer	Bob Morley
Membership Secretary	Andrew Rushworth
Excursions Secretary	Richard Smith
Lectures Secretary	Kathryn Goodenough
Asst Secretary (Billet)	Vacant
Librarian & Archivist	Bob McIntosh
Publication Sales Officer	Angus Miller
Ordinary Members	Bob Reekie
	Rachel Wood
	Lilian D'Mello
	Fiona McGibbon
	Ken Grant
	Sarah Bailey
Scientific Editors	Rob Duck
	Ian Alsop
Independent Examiner	LH Stewart (Dalgleish & Tullo)

Valedictory

The outgoing President Angus Macpherson thanked the members of the Society for their support and enthusiasm during his term of office.

The incoming President Graham Leslie thanked Angus Macpherson for all that he had done for the Society.

Further Business

The President asked members to let him know of any suggestions for future activities in which they would like to see the Society's involvement.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.25pm.