

Edinburgh Geological Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

7.00 pm Wednesday 16th March 2022

Hybrid event held at the Grant Institute and via Zoom.

Present

Tom Challands (Chair) and 12 members in-person, 33 members online.

Apologies

Beverly Bergman and Jackie Wardill

1. Minutes of AGM held online on 17th March 2021

These can be viewed on the Society's website and were accepted as a true record.

2. President's Report

Tom Challands welcomed everyone to the meeting. His report on the past year is contained in the Annual Report for 187th Session (2020-21), in which he gave a full review of the Society's activities over the past year, and it is available to view on the Society's website.

There were a number of things he wanted to highlight including;

- Restrictions associated with the ongoing covid pandemic meant that all 10 lectures of the programme were delivered online using zoom. These webinars have shown consistently higher numbers than in-person lectures and meetings from March 2022 will be in a hybrid format. The President thanked all speakers, and Graham Leslie and Chris Lofthouse for their work in organising and delivering the programme.
- Delivery of a full excursion programme, with 14 excursions taking place in reduced numbers.
- Membership increased by 5.4% over 2020-21 from 626 to 660 in total. A lot of these have been Junior Associate members which is encouraging.
- The Clough Medal was awarded to Anthony (Tony) Spencer. The Clough Memorial Award to George Guice (Smithsonian Institution).
- Grants awarded during the year came to £1124 covering 2 projects. Two other grants have since been awarded and will be paid in 2021-22. A total of £1400 was awarded from the Clough and Mykura Funds for fieldwork.
- A £1000 donation was made to the Inchnadamph Lodge feasibility study, a campaign organised by the Scottish Geology Trust and NW Highland Geopark. Since the Annual Report was issued the site has been bought. The £1000 donation will be returned on request.
- The Society donated £1000 to the Croll Penny Magazine (now available on website).

- The Society contributed four events to the Edinburgh International Science Festival in July. We worked with a team of MSc and PhD students from the University of Edinburgh, School of Geosciences, to explore how Edinburgh can meet net-zero emission targets by 2050.
- The Society supported the Geopoetry 2020 Conference which was held online in October 2020.
- Unfortunately the Scottish Journal of Geology has seen a reduction in the number of submissions this year from 32-22.
- Under Geoconservation he highlighted that work has commenced on cataloguing Midlothian geodiversity sites and paid thanks to Alison Tymon and volunteers. The Lothian and Borders Geocoservation Group have met 8 times over zoom.
- He paid thanks to the late David McAdam and recognised his contributions as a committed member of the Society.

3. Treasurer's report

Christian Ranken wished to highlight a few points around the accounts:

- Membership subscriptions are up considerably in recent years. Thanks to Euan for his work on membership.
- Fundraising and charitable activity have been reduced due to covid, hopefully this will start to increase to pre-pandemic levels.
- Investments have increased to £108610 which is an increase of £14630 from the previous session. Mainly due to global stock markets continuing their recovery from covid.
- The total reserves of £143849 includes Restricted Funds (the Clough and Mykura Funds)
- Net assets over the longer term are still showing a slight upward trend.
- There is no gift aid income in this sessions report because we switched to using Webcollect subscriptions. Reconciliation of these receipts wasn't undertaken until the end of the session. We expect to see 2 amounts for gift aid in next year's Annual Report.

4. Election of Council Members

Nominations to Council had been published on the website. None of the posts had more than one nominee so no vote was required and the list of Council members below was accepted unanimously.

Position	Elected 2021	Elected 2022
President	Tom Challands	To be announced
Vice-President	Emrys Phillips	Mike Browne
Vice-President		Angela Mathis
Immediate Past President	Robert Gatliff*	Tom Challands
Honorary Secretary	Neil Mackenzie**	Neil Mackenzie
Assistant Secretary (Annual Report)	Don Cameron	Don Cameron
Assistant Secretary (Minutes)	Neil Mackenzie (temp)	Katie Strang
Honorary Treasurer	Christian Ranken	Christian Ranken
Membership Secretary	Euan Mitchell	Euan Mitchell
Lectures Secretary	Graham Leslie	Graham Leslie
Excursions Secretary	Ian Kearsley	Ian Kearsley
Assistant Secretary (Excursion Bookings)	David Graham	David Graham
Chair of Promotion and Coordination Group	Robert Gatliff	Robert Gatliff
Assistant Secretary (GeoConservation)	Mike Browne	Mike Browne
Assistant Secretary (Clough Awards)	Graham Leslie	Graham Leslie
Assistant Secretary (Publications)	Patrick Condon	Patrick Condon
Assistant Lecture Secretary (Fellows Night Coordinator)	Christopher Lofthouse	Christopher Lofthouse
Publication Sales Officer	Don Cameron	Don Cameron
Archivist	Christine Thompson	Christine Thompson
Ordinary Member	Con Gillen	Con Gillen
Ordinary Member	Daryl Sawyer	Daryl Sawyer
Ordinary Member	Rachel Walcott	Rachel Walcott
Ordinary Member	Stuart Monro	

Ordinary Member	Angela Mathis	
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Scientific Editor	Romesh Palamakumbra/Heather Stewart	Romesh Palamakumbra/Heather Stewart
Scientific Editor	Tom Challands	Tom Challands
Independent Examiner	Mrs Jessie Craig (Anderson Strathern)	Mrs Jessie Craig (Anderson Strathern)

* To also be Chair of FPC

The President paid thanks to Stuart Monro for his contributions. Stuart will be standing down as Council Member. He also thanked Mike Browne and Angela Mathis for stepping up to the VP positions to assist the President. TC will be standing down as President in June. He will also be standing down as scientific editor, but we currently have two other editors.

5. Any Other Business

The Annual General Meeting was closed at 7.30 pm and Tom Challands handed over to Graham Leslie to introduce the evening's speaker, Dr Kit Hardman (University Of Hull), who gave us a lecture entitled a **"The geology and evolution of crystalline basement-hosted, near surface fissure systems, Calabria, southern Italy"**.