

Minutes of AGM of FRSG 13th December 2018, 2:30pm at Happiness Trapp, Enniskillen

Any Other Business:

Training and Skills for Committee was discussed. Fermanagh Rural Community Network and Rural Skills. Laurence to visit Fermanagh House to find out what sort of help there is for small charities eg First Aid, Social Media and Computer literacy, Governance

FRSG Succession:

Rose discussed succession in the group ie other committee members stepping-up into Chair or Secretary roles. People did step forward although the majority of the committee are happy to be ordinary committee members. This is something that will need to be looked at going forward as Rose advised that with family and work life, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find the time to do the group justice.

Red Squirrels United Update:

Michael Stinson gave the group a brief on the project. There were 50 plus sites surveyed in Co. Fermanagh last year. In 2018, no grey squirrels were recorded. However, greys have had a strong breeding year across other parts of the country and we have seen a little evidence of this in Fermanagh this autumn.

Castle Archdale – grey squirrel sighting December 2018

Crom Estate – grey squirrel sighting August 2018

Ballinamallard garden – 3x grey squirrel sightings December 2018

Michael has set-up grey squirrel control at the Ballinamallard site.

The RSU project ceases in October 2019 and Michael would like to consolidate our work and suggests we run annual events eg: Annual red/grey/pine marten survey. Rose requested some data from UW in this regard including maps and data on forests/woodlands visited including years.

Funding opportunities still exist for wind farms including Brookeborough, Callaheen and Derrilyn.

Attend Enniskillen Show with a partner to avoid costs was discussed.

Red Squirrel United Knowledge Fair at Southport 2019 – 22nd to 24th March. Victor may be interested in attending and Michael will send him some details.

Michael is going to organise a meeting at Ballinamallard as a partnership between RSU and FRSG. FRSG is to bring the banner/tablecloth. A January meeting date was discussed to get people assisting with grey squirrel monitoring. Possibly 21st January 2019. Michael will look into book a room and get back to us.

The meeting ended with Committee agreeing to attend the Ballinamallard meeting and to assist with survey work.

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Present

Rose Cremin (Secretary)
Laurence Speight (Treasurer)
Jane Dunlop (Committee Member)
Velma McCullagh (Committee Member)
Victor Johnston (Committee Member)
Ken Moore (Committee Member)
Michael Stinson

Apologies:

Malachy Martin
Stephanie Blakely
Michelle McQuigg

Everyone was welcomed and apologies made for those that could not attend.

The Minutes were read and proposed by Jane Dunlop and seconded by Laurence Speight.

Financial Accounts – Proposed Velma McCullagh and seconded by Rose Cremin.

There was some discussion on £0.60 discrepancy (gain) in the accounts. Laurence will look again and could possibly be down to credit interest earned on account.

The Committee then stepped down and elections held for the coming year. The following individuals were elected to posts:

- Rose Cremin (Chair) Proposed by Ken and seconded by Jane Dunlop
- Laurence Speight (Treasurer) Proposed by Rose Cremin and seconded by Ken Moore
- Ken Moore (Secretary) Proposed by Rose Cremin and seconded by Victor Johnston
- Ordinary Committee members elected: Velma McCullagh, Jane Dunlop, Victor Johnston, Stephanie Blakely and Michelle McQuigg.