



PERTH & KINROSS TREE WARDEN NETWORK

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Minutes of Email Voting Correspondence in place of AGM - April 2020 **(and Interim Report 2018-2020)**

With the cancellation of our Annual General Meeting on Saturday 4th April owing to the Coronavirus lockdown, the Hon. Assistant Secretary circulated instead a request for email voting to all P&K Tree Wardens. She logged all the replies and by 25th April all eight collated responses showed agreement with the following:

- (1) Accepting the retiral of the Hon Secretary, Jim Low and the Hon. Treasurer, Christopher Dingwall. Both members are thanked for all their hard work and commitment over the past few years. It is particularly appreciated that they have agreed to remain as ordinary members.
- (2) Votes were received by eight members agreeing to the election of new Executive Committee Officers, namely:

Hon. Chair (re-elected):	Catherine Lloyd
Hon. Secretary:	Julia Henriksson
Hon. Treasurer:	Ormungandr Melchizedek

Jane Bryan-Jones seconded the nominations for Catherine and Julia; Sandy Watts seconded the nomination for Ormungandr Melchizedek. The responses are shown below.

Name	Hon. Chair Catherine Lloyd AGREE/DISAGREE	Hon. Secretary Julia Henriksson AGREE/DISAGREE	Hon. Treasurer Ormungandr Melchizedek AGREE/DISAGREE
Catherine Lloyd	-	AGREE	AGREE
Julia Henriksson	AGREE	-	AGREE
Christopher Dingwall	AGREE	AGREE	AGREE
Jackie Polakowska	AGREE	AGREE	AGREE
Sandy Watts	AGREE	AGREE	AGREE
Ormungandr Melchizedek	AGREE	AGREE	-
Jane Bryan-Jones	AGREE	AGREE	AGREE
Fran Gillespie	AGREE	AGREE	AGREE

Changes are afoot where future Tree Warden training opportunities are concerned as the Tree Council is currently discussing training modules which will be made available to c8,000 Tree Wardens across the UK. There will also be a rebranding of not just the Tree Council itself but also the c150 Tree Warden Groups across the UK. The new Tree Council logo will be adapted so that each of the groups receives their own personal logo. Because of the Coronavirus crisis, all this is currently in abeyance but as soon as updates are available we will circulate further details.

In the meantime, the Executive Committee Officers' roles are proposed as follows:

The Hon. Chair will continue with a Publicity/Awareness-raising remit and also continue to represent the PKTWN on the Tree Council's Tree Warden Co-ordinators' Group. This Group meets 2 to 3 times a year with expenses paid by the Tree Council. Any additional costs are covered personally by the Hon. Chair.

Hon. Secretary – as Assistant Hon. Secretary Julia undertook a review of the Network's Membership at the end of 2018 and has since acted as Events Programme Officer. As Hon. Secretary Julia will add Membership to her remit, as well as continue as the deputy representative on the Tree Council's Tree Warden Co-ordinators' Group. Catherine and Julia are also joint Administrators of the PKTWN Facebook page (of which there are 99 members).

Hon. Treasurer – the Tree Council is currently setting up a series of training modules for each Tree Warden group to roll out to existing and new members. They have requested a named Training Contact within each Tree Warden group to liaise with local experts (or put themselves forward as the lead in some of the modules). Ormungandr is a tree consultant and horticulturalist and has already led an event for the Tree Wardens. As the Tree Council training plans progress, he would be the PKTWN representative on the Tree Council's National Training Officers' Group when it is convened.

Nominations for Executive Committee members are now being sought to expand the number up to ten.

Existing Members

- Barbara Prettyman
- Rosie Hooper
- Catherine Lloyd – Hon. Chair

Nominated Members (so far)

- Julia Henriksson – Hon. Secretary
- Ormungandr Melchizedek – Hon. Treasurer
- Sandy Watts

Please let Julia know by 20th June 2020 if you would like to join the Executive Committee or would like to nominate another member to join. We will circulate the final list as we did for the Committee Officers so that members can vote on the final list.

Julia is currently researching a new programme of events for the rest of 2020; this will be circulated as soon as we know more about the how the lockdown will be lifted over the next few months and how the training modules are shaping up. In the meantime she will compile the first of a quarterly Newsletter to circulate to everyone and put up on the website and Facebook page.

Hon. Secretary's Report on Membership and Events

We have welcomed 11 new members between late 2018 and early 2020 (now at a total of 34). In planning a roadshow around libraries/community campus sites later in 2020 and into 2021, we hope to increase membership numbers, especially focusing on the currently large gaps in the map.

2018 Events

- 23rd February – Orchard Planting volunteer day as guests of the South Perth Greenspace Group (Perth): 2 attendees.
- 24th/25th March – Hedge laying training weekend, Fife: no participants
- 28th June – Co-ordinators' Conference, Birmingham (Tree Council): Chair attended.
- 22nd November - Committee meeting to discuss Membership Review Report by Julia (Queen's Hotel, Perth): 5 attendees.
- 6th December - Beaver monitoring training event with Perthshire Wildlife Trust Ranger Hannah, Birnam/Dunkeld: 4 attendees.

2019 Events

- Sat 9th February - AGM and guided Woodland Walk by David Wood, Kinnoull Hill, by Perth: 14 attendees.
- 15th March - Tree replanting event, Innerpeffray Library, by Crieff (by kind invitation of the Woodland Sub-Group, Innerpeffray Library): 2 attendees.
- 16th March – Community Orchard Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop, Barnhill (Kinnoull Hill, by Perth) – the Chair attended.
- 16th March - Tree planting, Kinclaven Bluebell Wood: 2 attendees.
- 8th May - Tree Disease training event with Observatree, Bell's Sports Centre, Perth: 7 attendees.
- 20th May – Official launch of the Perthshire Church Yew Project – planting of yew from Fortingall, Megginch Castle, by Errol: 11 attendees
- 27th June – Tree Council's Co-ordinator's Meeting, Birmingham: Chair attended.
- 6th to 8th September - Dundee Flower and Food Festival (PKTWN Stand in the Woodlands4Yew marquee), Camperdown Country Park – the Chair and (then) Assistant Secretary manned the stand over three days raising awareness of both the Tree Wardens' Network and how to encourage wildlife into gardens and greenspaces.
- 21st September - Tree Investigation training workshop and guided walk by Ormundgandr Melchizedek, Kinnoull Hill: 6 attendees.
- 8th November - Ancient Tree Inventory training session and riverside walk with Judy Dowling, Scottish Verifier – Birnam Oak and Dunkeld: 7 attendees.
- 15th November - Tree Council's Co-ordinator's Meeting (training module planning), London: Chair attended.
- 23rd November - Coppicing Workday as guests of the South Perth Greenspace Group, Craigie Community Woods, by Perth: 2 attendees.

Special thanks are due to the Kinnoull Woodland Users Group who have very kindly given us free use of their meeting place in Kinnoull.

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Top row l-r: Innerpeffray tree planting, March 2019; yew tree blessing and planting at Megginch Castle (launch of Church Yew Project) May 2019; **middle row l-r:** Dundee Food & Flower Festival (left and middle), September 2019; Tree Warden group representatives at the Tree Council meeting, Richmond Park, London (November 2019); **bottom row l-r:** snowy fruit tree pruning workshop (Kinnoull), March 2019 and Ancient Tree Hunt training, Birnam, November 2019 © all C A G Lloyd

Executive Committee

Catherine Lloyd
Julia Henriksson
Ormungandr Melchizedek

Hon. Chair
Hon. Secretary: Events & Membership
Hon. Treasurer & Training Contact

External Advisers/Observers

Mike Strachan
Jocelyn McLaren
Judy Dowling

Scottish Forestry
Perth and Kinross Council
Woodland Trust Ancient Tree Hunt (Scottish Verifier)



Ancient Tree Hunt training day, Birnam: November 2019 © C A G Lloyd

Financial Statements 2018-2020

(i) 2018-19 Statement



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2018 TO 31ST MARCH 2019

Opening Balance at 1 April 2018 : £ 3,374.16

Record of Income for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

28.06.2018	£ 0.43	Bank Interest
27.09.2018	£ 0.42	Bank Interest
28.12.2018	£ 0.42	Bank Interest
28.03.2018	£ 0.36	Bank Interest
TOTAL	£ 1.63	

Record of Expenditure for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

10.08.2018	£ 46.76	C. Lloyd – Tree Council Conference
5.12.2018	£ 59.40	J. Henriksson – Travel Expenses
10.12.2018	£ 250.00	Tree Council Membership
18.01.2019	£ 24.80	J. Henriksson – Survey Expenses
29.03.2019	£ 25.00	C. Lloyd – Ancient Tree Conference
TOTAL	£ 405.96	

Closing Balance at 31 March 2019 : £ 2,969.83

Treasurer's Report : As no membership fees were paid during the year, the only income has been from bank interest payable on the account. During the same period the only expenditure has been on PKTWN's Tree Council membership and on payments to PKTWN Chair C. Lloyd for attendance at conferences, and to volunteer Hon. Secretary J. Henriksson for travel and survey expenses.

The relevant paperwork has been examined by Margaret Brookes, who has acted as auditor in previous years, and who has confirmed that the figures are correct.

Hon. Treasurer :

Auditor :



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2019 TO 31ST MARCH 2020

Opening Balance at 1 April 2019 : £ 2,969.83

Record of Income for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

27.06.2019	£ 0.37	Bank interest
27.09.2019	£ 0.36	Bank interest
30.12.2019	£ 0.35	Bank interest
30.03.2020	£ 0.32	Bank interest
TOTAL	£ 1.40	

Record of Expenditure for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

28.05.2019	£ 19.85	Julia Henriksson – Travel Expenses
28.05.2019	£ 180.00	Julia Henriksson – Honorarium
28.08.2019	£ 36.05	Live Active Leisure : Room Hire Bell's Sports Centre
10.01.2020	£ 250.00	Tree Council Membership
TOTAL	£ 485.90	

Closing Balance at 31 March 2020 : £ 2,485.33

Treasurer's Report : As no membership fees were paid during the year, the only income has been from bank interest payable on the account. During the same period the only expenditure has been on PKTWN's Tree Council membership, on Room Hire at Bells Sports Centre and on Travel Expenses and an honorarium for volunteer Hon. Secretary Julia Henriksson.

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Hon. Treasurer :

Christopher H. Lingvall

Auditor :

Margaret M. Brookes

Membership

In the 2017-18 PKTWN Pledge collated by Julia:

- 91% of members confirmed they were able to attend meetings and training sessions;
- 83% confirmed they could take on a 'Member's Square' and look out for trees in their area;
- 73% wished to partake in Ancient Tree Hunt Surveying;
- 73% could also take part in local events or help with an exhibition;
- and 55% could help create new leaflets or review existing ones.

Regarding the old annual membership fee, 92% of members confirmed £10 was a fair price, but 75% of members said they would be prepared to pay more. One member suggested introducing different types of membership – including free membership to those members who could not attend meetings/training sessions but still want to keep in touch via mailings and newsletters. Whilst the Network is in flux, no membership fee has been levied at all, but this will be reviewed in 2021. As from 2020 “consultative members” are those members who are living away from the area or do not want to be active members.

Everyone is encouraged to invite friends, colleagues or neighbours into the Network. It does not matter if there is an overlap in areas, but there are some serious gaps in the Perth & Kinross map which urgently need filled. Please contact Julia if you would like further information forwarded to anyone or if you can introduce a new member.

Tree Wardens plant, protect and promote their local trees. No experience in tree management is needed – just a love of trees and a few hours to spare.

We are the only Tree Warden Network in Scotland but elsewhere in the UK there are c150 groups and c8,000 Tree Wardens. Each group is managed by a Co-ordinator/Chair and is autonomous, individually deciding what to focus on.

The Tree Council oversees the Tree Warden Scheme and gives grants to UK schools and community groups every year to plant thousands of trees, hedges and orchards. It is currently devising a series of training modules to provide all Tree Wardens with generic training – news of this will be available later in the year.



The evolving logo of the Tree Council – each Tree Warden Group will be provided with its own version of the new logo later this year.