

11th Annual General Meeting Minutes

Draft Minutes of the 11th AGM of the Society for the Environment incorporated by Royal Charter

Venue: Botanical Gardens, Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR

Date & Time: 21st June 2016 at 3.30pm

1. Introduction (Dr Peter Matthews CBE OBE – SocEnv Chair June 2015/2016)

The SocEnv Chair welcomed everyone to the 11th AGM of the Society for the Environment

2. Apologies and Proxies

Apologies:

John Gregory (IFM), Mark Kennett (CIAT), Ian Barker (IWater), Bridget Bartlett (CIOB), Ian Bowbrick (IOM3), Steve Catte (SOE), Ian Chisholm (SEE), Richard Cooksley (IAgrM), Raymond Clark OBE (SEE), John Humphries (CABE), Kevin Blunden (CABE), Tim Walker (CIWM), Tim Brigstocke MBE (IAgrM), Tim Boldero (IWater), Alan Harper (IChemE), Alastair Taylor (IAgrE), Terry Fuller, Ian Dolben (IFM)

Proxies:

Proxies in Attendance

Francesca Berriman for Mark Kennett (CIAT), Saleem Akram for Bridget Bartlett (CIOB), Tim Simms for Terry Fuller (CIWEM), Dr Peter Matthews CBE OBE for Tim Boldero (IWater), Kathy Webster for Tim Walker (CIWM)

3. Declaration of Potential Conflicts of Interests

No conflicts of interest declared.

4. Approval of minutes from 10th AGM 17th July 2015

The minutes of the 10th AGM of the Society for the Environment were approved as a true and accurate record by all Council Members present

All Council Members present voted unanimously in favour of approving of the 10th AGM minutes.

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5. Chair's Report

The Chair presented an overview of the SocEnv activities during the last year. We began the year by focussing on developing a strategy to take us to 2020 as well as resolving ongoing challenges.

We wanted to;

1. resolve inherited issues
2. Develop the organisation as being better for purpose
3. Look to the future in engagement with a plethora of environmental delivery issues

So we have:

- Thoroughly reviewed Licensing and Registration
- Welcomed the Royal Society of Chemistry to the SocEnv family
- Responded to a number of Government consultations including Environmental Audit Committee Inquiry response on role of HM Treasury and Sustainability and potential environmental governance arrangements in Northern Ireland.
- Interviewed on Talk Radio on WHO air pollution report
- Green Party Leader and Councillors visit to SocEnv HQ
- A survey of registrants leading to the publication of the 'European Membership and the Environment' Report in partnership with the ENDS Report
- Seminars on subjects including Natural Capital, Housing and new Technologies for Agriculture with Castle Debates and our Licensed Body partners.
- Attended a City of London Green finance meeting and consequently meeting with Bank of England on environmental professional's input
- Collective statement on Water & Forestry management with correspondence with EU Environment Commissioner, European Water Association and UNEP.
- Letters to M Hancock, A Foster, N Sturgeon and Lord Bew on sustainability as an additional principle of public life to be added to the seven Nolan.
- Corresponded with Supermarket leaders on reduction of food waste and increased consumption of non-standard fruit and vegetables and in particular pursuing this with Tesco
- Appointed new staff including Geoff Atkins as Head of Licensing, Standards and Registration and planning the upcoming move to new premises.

The CEO concluded that during 2016/17 the focus will remain on the four agreed strategic aims of guarding the Standards for Environmental Professionals, Promoting Environmental Professionals, Facilitating Collective Influence of Environmental Professionals and Maximising Organisational Impact and Sustainability.

6. SocEnv 2015 Audited Annual Report & Accounts – for approval

The 2015 Audited Annual Report and Accounts had been approved electronically by Council Members then approved by the Auditors and presented at the AGM for final approval. The approved and signed version would be circulated as a pdf document including the scanned signatures.

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The Honorary Treasurer, Ian Byrne, proposed that the SocEnv 2015 Annual Report and Accounts be accepted, including the published amendments.

All Council Members voted in favour of accepting the SocEnv 2015 Annual Report and Accounts.

7. Confirmation of nominated Council Members for 2016/2017

The list of nominated Council Members for 2016/2017 was detailed by the Chief Executive of the Society:

Arboricultural Association

Peter Holloway

Chartered Association of Building Engineers

Kevin Blunden

John Humphries

Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists

Francesca Berriman MBE

Mark Kennett

Chartered Institute of Building

Bridgett Bartlett

Chartered Institution of Wastes Management

Tim Walker

Chartered Institution of Water & Environmental Management

Terry Fuller

Dr Peter Matthews CBE OBE

Energy Institute

Sarah Beacock

Ian Byrne

Institute of Agricultural Management

Richard Cooksley

Tim Brigstocke MBE

Institute of Chartered Foresters

Dougal Driver

Ross Weddle

Chartered Institute of Ecology & Environmental Management

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Sally Hayns

Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment

Martin Baxter

Institution of Engineering Designers

Simon Benfield

Libby Meyrick

Institute of Fisheries Management

John Gregory

Ian Dolben

Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining

Ian Bowbrick

Institute of Water

Tim Boldero

Ian Barker

Institution of Agricultural Engineers

Alastair Taylor

Professor Mark Kibblewhite

Institution of Civil Engineers

Professor Quentin Leiper

Susan Clements

Institution of Chemical Engineers

Neil Atkinson

Alan Harper

Institution of Environmental Sciences

Professor Will Pope

Professor Carolyn Roberts

Institution of Mechanical Engineers

Brian Robinson

Dr Jenifer Baxter

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Stephen McKenna

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Royal Society of Chemistry

Dr David Barr
Dr Mindy Dulai

Society of Environmental Engineers

Professor Raymond Clark OBE
Professor Mervyn de Calcina-Goff

Society of Operations Engineers

Ian Chisholm
Steve Catte

8. Election of Officers for 2016/2017

The following officers were elected by the Council:

a) Chair

Nominations – Peter Matthews (CIWEM)
Votes: All in Favour / No votes against
Peter Matthews is elected

b) Vice Chair

Nominations – Dougal Driver (ICF)
Votes: All in Favour / No votes against
Dougal Driver is elected

c) Honorary Treasurer

Nominations – Ian Byrne (EI)
Votes: All in Favour / No votes against
Ian Byrne is elected

d) Honorary Secretary

Nominations – None received

CEO to explore further options for this role and report to Cabinet in October and next Council in November

Action: Confirm arrangements for filling the Honorary Secretary to Council by November 2016

9. Appointment of Auditors for Financial Year 2017

Burgis and Bullock were proposed as Auditors to the Society for the Environment for 2016.

All Council Members presented voted in favour of appointing Burgis and Bullock as the Auditors to the Society for the Environment for 2016.

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9. Any Other Business

There was no other business.