THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM, ON THURSDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2010

Present:	**Robert Irvine**	**Chairman**
	Helen Cormack	
	Paul Culley	
	Lee Freeston	
	David De Gernier	
	Neil Griffiths	
	Martyn Howat	
	Sir Roger Jones	
	Michael Sherman	
	John Thornley	
	Alisdair Troup	
Ex-Officio Members	**John Swift**	**Chief Executive**
	Philippa Bursey	**Director of Business Management**
	Glynn Cook	**Director - Wales**
	Christopher Graffius	**Director of Communications**
	Simon Hamlyn	**Director of Operations**
In attendance	**Tom Blades**	**Agenda Item A.5.1**
	Tim Russell	**Agenda Items B.1and B.2**
	Paul Williamson	**Agenda Items B.1and B.2**
	Bill Harriman	**Agenda Item B.3**
	Dr. John Harradine	**Agenda Item B.4**
	Matt Ellis	**Agenda Item B.4**
	Peter Marshall	**Agenda Item B.5**
	Alan McCormick	**Agenda Item B.5**
Minute Secretary	**Amanda Forshaw**	

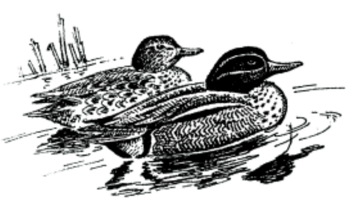
Council members expressed sincere condolences to Mike Sherman and his family on the death of his father following a short illness.

A.1. <u>Apologies for absence</u>

Apologies for absence had been received from Alan Balfour, Simon Breasley, Robert Crofts, John Dryden, Peter Glenser, Mike Robinson, Colin Shedden, Mike Smith, Ray Walters and Claire Zambuni

A.2 <u>To confirm confidential items.</u>

It was decided that Agenda Items B.3, C.3 and C.5 should be regarded as confidential.



A.3. Declaration of interests

Lee Freeston, Simon Hamlyn and John Swift declared an interest in respect of Agenda Item B.1.

A.4. To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23rd September 2010

Error on header to be corrected.
P.6 – end of para. B.6 – one full stop to be deleted.
P.8 – 3rd para. Tommy Maine to be amended to read **Tommy Mayne.**

Subject to the above amendments, the minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

A.5. To take matters arising from the Council meeting held on 23rd September, 2010

A.5.1. Wildlife Liaison Officer posts

Council was provided with a briefing on the potential effects on wildlife and rural crime in those police authority areas where the post of Wildlife Crime Coordinator is being civilianized or cut due to budgetary restrictions.

It was agreed that a letter will be sent to the Chairs of ACPO and Police Wildlife Crime Committees, copied to Chief Police Officers and Police Authorities, expressing appreciation of the work of these officers and stressing the importance of continuing to address rural and wildlife crime.

A.6 To take the tabled action points outstanding from earlier Council Meetings.

A.6.1. Objects

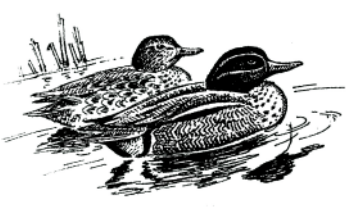
The matter was seen as extending beyond review the association's objects to consideration of the association's corporate status including the issues raised at the AGM. The Chief Executive said that he intended to provide an introductory paper to the November meeting of Council.

A.6.2 Use of teleconferencing and video conferencing to reduce costs and enhance communications.

A review of the available options and their applicability will be conducted and presented to Council in November 2010.

A.6.3. Phased Direct Debits

A report on a preferred phased payment option will be presented to the November 2010 meeting of Council with the 2011 budget.



A.6.4. Gamekeeping student members

A review of the effectiveness of the membership category for student gamekeepers will be presented by Tom Blades to the November 2010 meeting of Council.

A.6.5. WHT Progress Report and Development Plan

Item on main agenda.

A.6.6. Review of Council Committees

A review on the functioning of Council's Committees to be presented to the November 2010 Meeting of Council.

A.6.7. Land Purchase by BASC
Item on main agenda.

A.6.8. National Nature Reserves
A report to be presented to a future meeting of Council on Natural England's policies for National Nature Reserves.

B.1. To receive a progress report and business plan for the WHT for the forthcoming 3 – 5 year period.

Council received a paper presented by Lee Freeston and Tim Russell on behalf of the WHT Trustees outlining the Trusts' progress over the past twelve months and plans for the forthcoming 3 – 5 year period which included the Trusts' 25th Anniversary in 2011.

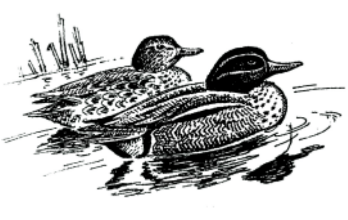
Council agreed to adopt the recommendations of the paper and to review its contribution to WHT once the financial outturn for 2010 was known

Council agreed that a shorter annual report will be sufficient in future years and consideration is to be given to reviewing other relations with partner or umbrella bodies which require significant BASC resource.

B.2. To receive a report commissioned from Smiths Gore providing strategic background relating to possible land purchase by BASC

Following wide ranging discussion it was resolved that strategies for securing land for shooting are a priority for the Association and that the next stage will be for Council to receive a proposal for a research project to be undertaken, probably "in-house", to identify the extent to which land for shooting is being lost and gained from all causes. This will provide an evidence base to support future policy discussions.

B.3. To receive a progress report on firearms legislation review.



Bill Harriman provided Council with an oral progress report on firearms legislation review and the Home Affairs Select Committee.

Council extended their thanks to Bill Harriman for a very comprehensive update

B4. To receive a progress report on the Lead Ammunition Group

The Chief Executive provided Council with a power-point presentation on the progress of the Lead Ammunition Group and related issues.

C.1. To receive the Minutes of Advisory Committees

C.1.1. To note the minutes of the Scottish Committee meeting held on 09.09.2010.

Council noted and agreed that there is a UK-wide obligation for many shoots to become registered under the Feed (Hygiene and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 and those parallel regulations applying in other countries.

The Scottish Committee recommended that BASC should assist FSA Scotland as appropriate. Immediately after FSA Scotland has highlighted this legal requirement (planned for later this year) BASC should promulgate guidance on how to become registered.

Recommendation noted.

C.1.2. To note the minutes of the Wildfowling Liaison Committee meeting held on 23.09.2010.

There were no recommendations to Council.

Minutes noted.

C2. To receive the Chairman's Activities Report

The Chairman's activity report had been circulated to Council and was accepted as presented.

C.3. To receive the Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive's report had been circulated to Council and was accepted as presented.

The Chief Executive also provided a progress report on the plans for the official opening of the Duke of Edinburgh building.

C4. To receive the Director of Communications' Report

The Director of Communications' report had been circulated to Council and was accepted as presented.

C5. <u>To approve the Director of Business Management's Summary Report</u>

The Director of Business Management's report had been circulated to Council and was accepted as presented.

C.6. <u>To take the Director of Operations' Report</u>

The Director of Operations' report had been circulated to Council and was accepted as presented. Thanks were expressed to the Council Members who had assisted Steve Bloomfield and his team at the recent Midland Game Fair.

D.1 <u>To take Any Other Business by leave of the Chairman</u>

There were no matters raised under any other business.

D.2. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u>

It was confirmed that the next meeting of Council will be held at 09.30 hrs on Thursday, 18th November 2010 at Marford Mill. This will be preceded by a meeting of elected members only commencing at 09.00hrs.

Signed………………………………………………..Date…………………………
Chairman