

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING & CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM, ON THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2010

Present:

Robert Irvine - Chairman
Alan Balfour
Helen Cormack
Paul Culley
John Dryden
Lee Freeston
David De Gernier
Martyn Howat
Michael Sherman
John Thornley
Alisdair Troup
Ray Walters

Ex-Officio Members	John Swift Philippa Bursey Glynn Cook Christopher Graffius Colin Shedden	Chief Executive Director of Business Management Director, Wales Director of Communications Director, Scotland
---------------------------	---	--

In attendance	David Ilsley Mark Greenhough Bill Harriman	Agenda Item B.2 Agenda Item B.4 Agenda Item B.6
----------------------	---	--

Minute Secretary **Amanda Forshaw**

A.1. Apologies for Absence

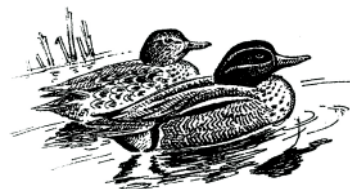
Apologies for absence had been received from Simon Breasley, Robert Crofts, Peter Glenser, Simon Hamlyn, Neil Griffiths, Sir Roger Jones, Mike Robinson, Mike Smith and Claire Zambuni.

A.2 To confirm Confidential agenda items.

It was decided that Agenda C.5 should be treated as confidential.

A.3. Declaration of Interests

Glynn Cook, Paul Culley, Martyn Howat and Michael Sherman each declared an interest in respect of issues in relation to the Dyfi Estuary raised under Agenda Item D.1.



CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM, ON THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2010

A.4. To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st October 2010

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 21st October, 2010.

A.5.1. Letter regarding Wildlife Liaison Officer Posts

Council was informed that Tom Blades (unable to attend due to illness) was understood to have prepared a draft of the letter to be sent to the Chairs of ACPO and Police Wildlife Crime Committees, and to be 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.5.2. Progress report on Wildlife & Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

Council was provided with an update on the progress of the Wildlife & Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill, and noted that a Stage 1 debate will take place in December 2010.

Council noted that wildlife and environment consultations are taking place with a view to new legislation in Northern Ireland, England and Wales and emphasised the importance of coordinating assessments and responses.

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

A.6.1. Objects

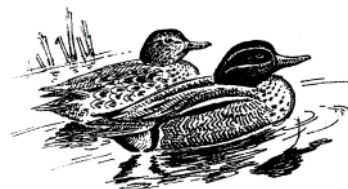
The Chief Executive regretted that he had not had time to write a paper on the subject. The matter was seen as extending beyond review of the Association's objects to consideration of the Association's corporate status, including the issues raised at the AGM. The Chief Executive will provide an introductory paper to Council early in 2011.

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 a future meeting of Council.

A.6.3. Phased Direct Debits

Item on main agenda under agenda item B.5.



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING & CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM, ON THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2010

A.6.4. Gamekeeping student members

Item on main agenda

A.6.5. Review of Council Committees

Item on main agenda

A.6.6. Key Function Indicators

To receive an annual report on key function indicators in July 2011.

A.6.7. National Nature Reserves

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

A.6.8. WHT

WHT Trustees to provide Council with a brief progress report in October 2011.

A.6.9 Land Purchase by BASC

Council to receive a proposal in January 2011 for research, probably to be conducted "in house", into the extent to which land for shooting is being lost and gained from all causes.

B.1. To receive a review of the functioning of Council's committees

A report outlining recommendations to Council following a review of the functioning of its committees was laid before the meeting.

Council welcomed the paper as a starting point for informal discussion. Council requested further information regarding the reasoning behind the recommendations.

It was agreed to defer Council's consideration of the recommendations to the January 2011 meeting of Council.

B.2. To receive a presentation 'membership retention' from the Head of Sales & Marketing.

David Ilsley provided Council with an oral report on research undertaken in respect of membership retention and factors that affect it.



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING & CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM, ON THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2010

Council extended their thanks to David Ilsley for an excellent presentation and for the in-depth analysis of this issue.

B3. To receive a review of the effectiveness of the special membership category for student gamekeepers.

The Director of Business Management provided Council with an oral report on the effectiveness of the special membership category for student gamekeepers.

B.4 To receive a presentation 'wildfowling mapping project' by the Wildfowling Officer

Mark Greenhough gave a presentation to Council on the progress being made in updating the maps of land under the control and tenure of BASC affiliated wildfowling clubs in the United Kingdom.

Council noted that maps have been completed for 130 of the possible 154 affiliated wildfowling clubs in the UK and congratulated the Wildfowling Team on the excellent work undertaken to date on this project.

B.5 To decide the Budget for 2011 and confirm subscription rates, incorporating recommendations regarding the introduction of a phased payment option.

Council had been presented with a paper outlining the budget for 2011 being proposed by the management team. The Director of Business Management explained the proposals to Council.

It was resolved that for the 2011/12 budget year there would be no increase in subscription rates.

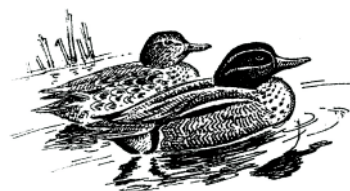
Council resolved that a phased payment option should be introduced in March 2011. In this connection a paper on membership terms and conditions will be re-presented to the January 2011 meeting of Council for ratification.

The budget as presented was adopted.

B.6. To receive a presentation from the Director of Firearms on his paper "ricochets"

Bill Harriman provided Council with a presentation on ricochets.

Council noted that any bullet of any construction has the potential to ricochet unpredictably. A safe shot is a safe shot and an unsafe shot is unsafe whatever the nature and construction of the cartridge, pellet or bullet.



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING & CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM, ON THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2010

C.1. To receive the Minutes of Advisory Committees

C.1.1. To note the minutes of the Northern Ireland Committee meeting held on 25th August 2010.

The Northern Ireland Committee recommended an allocation within their budget for the employment of a political consultant.

Recommendation and Minutes noted.

C.1.2. To note the minutes of the Wales Committee meeting held on 3rd October 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 provided an oral report to Council detailing his activities over the past month.

It was noted that the opening by the Patron of the Duke of Edinburgh Building had been highly successful and Council expressed their appreciation to all staff involved in organising the event.

C4. To receive the Director of Communications' Report

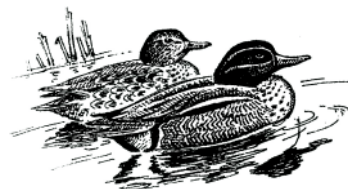
The Director of Communications' report had been circulated to Council and was accepted as presented.

C5. To receive the Director of Business Management's Summary Report

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

C.6. To take the Director of Operations' Report

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



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING & CONSERVATION

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT MARFORD MILL, ROSSETT, WREXHAM, ON THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2010

D.1. To take Any Other Business by leave of the Chairman

(1) Noting the concerns expressed during the budget debate regarding the Association's dependency on membership subscriptions and also the retention benefits to be derived from membership contact, Council members were urged to consider alternative opportunities for raising funds.

(2) It was noted that Promatic have extended their operations to include airgun targets and are keen to work with BASC on the promotion of the system for young people.

(3) The Chief Executive informed Council that four affiliated Clubs on the Dyfi are currently involved in a dispute with the RSPB relating to the registration of land over which they shoot and may seek BASC's financial support of their legal costs. The Chief Executive stated that BASC is not a legal aid body but every case is to be judged on its merits. He had asked the Director Wales to provide him with details of the clubs' anticipated costs, the clubs' available funds and the efforts they are taking to raise funds. One solution would be for BASC to offer the clubs a loan and he sought the Council's support, which was given.

D.2. Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of Council will be held at 09.30hrs on Thursday 27th January 2011 at Marford Mill. This will be preceded by a meeting of elected members only, commencing at 09.00hrs.

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

