



**Butterfly Conservation
Highland Branch
Note of AGM 13th April 2019**



Attendance

Stuart Bence	David Hill	Laura Shelbourn
Barbara Brodie	Helen Mainwood	James Silvey
Sheila Brown	Tony Mainwood	Hilary Swift
Ron Chapman	Rosa Menendez	Doreen Swift
Margaret Currie	Pete Moore (chairman)	Mike Taylor
Tay Davies	Ewan Munro	Stewart Taylor
Matthew Desmond	Julie Murray	Britt Taylor
Mary Eagleson	Tom Prescott	Audrey Turner
Ian Evans	Gwen Richards	Steve Wheatley
Pip Gullett	Dot Ruston	Mary Wunsch
Malcolm Harvey	Ron Ruston	Clare Wunsch
Mhairi Harvey	Andy Scott	Mark Wynn

Pete welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies

Pete Gordon

Janet King

Bob Turner

Minutes of 2018 AGM Approved Hilary Swift, seconded Mike Taylor.

Matters arising - None

Chairman's report

Events

Last year there were 25 events in Highland, covering field trips, moth trapping, micro moth workshops, and work parties undertaking practical conservation work. In addition to the Glen Orrin scrub bashing and cake fest, a new site on the Speyside Way, near Boat of Garten was cleared for small blues, and kidney vetch plants planted and seeds scattered. BC Highland also had a presence at other events, Hilary Swift at the Landmark Butterfly House, and Stuart Bence, our key chatty man, attended several events spending time chatting to folk about butterflies and moths

An Open day was held at our Allt Mhuic reserve which is now 15 years old, Chequered Skipper was seen, after which a barbecue was held. Allt Mhuic is owned by Forestry Commission and BC works with them for habitat management. A small hydro scheme was approved which will have an effect on the reserve and the reserve is being downgraded from BC reserve to a partnership site. It is hoped that there will be a positive outcome for this change as we may get some money to do more conservation work.

The planning application for a golf course at Coul Links was approved by Highland Council but put out to a public enquiry. Tom Prescott and Mark Young on behalf of BC along with other NGOs put in a submission against the development, and Mark Young was our expert witness who was cross examined by the developer's QC. The enquiry has finished but it is unknown when the outcome will be known.

Species

Monitoring of New Forest Burnet continues, including a larval search which found 41 larvae. Later on transects were walked which counted 123 adults.

Dark Bordered Beauty monitoring is supported by the Rare Invertebrates of the Cairngorms. Tay Davies is currently on a graduate placement with SNH doing more studies and monitoring. His larval search was less successful than that for the NFB, as no larvae were found.

Kentish Glory

Last year pheromone lures were used which helped find KG in new places. This will continue this year in areas where the habitat looks good.

Transects

A number of transects in the Highlands that had previously been walked are now not being walked. The main value in having transects is to build up data over a number of years. Volunteers are needed to restart these lapsed transects, one visit per week during the months April-September (or realistically due to our weather May - August). Anyone interested should contact Pete.

Minibus

A show of hands on those who would be interested in taking a place in a minibus for the Recorders Gathering and Members Day at Battleby was held. Twelve expressed an interest so the committee will pursue this

Speakers

If anyone has a suggestion for a speaker(s) for the next AGM, let Pete know.

Presentation

Malcolm Harvey was presented with a framed clay model of a Red Admiral on Scabious in appreciation for his work on the committee.

Treasurer's report (see appendix 1, page 4)

Audrey gave the treasurer's report. Most income comes from memberships and was similar to last years. The greatest expense is for publication of the Chequered Skipper, although the cost has been reduced as Head Office now use printers local to them and sends them out, their franking machine makes it cheaper per item.

We have a balance of £455 to carry forward, which is not a lot to play with, but if we had a project requiring funding and we could make a good case for it, it is likely that it would be supported by HQ.

Election of Committee members

All committee members agreed to stay on and this was supported by those at the meeting.

AOCB - none

Date of next AGM 18th April 2020

After the close of the AGM we were treated to a variety of presentations and talks

Tom Prescott presented the new BC Conservation Strategy - contact Tom for more information or to give feedback.

Pip Gullett who works for Cairngorms Connect talked about the Butterfly and moth monitoring they intend to carry out. She is looking for volunteers to help.

James Silvey talked about his passion for rearing butterflies and moths and how this can practically help conservation (he provides Kentish Glory moths for the pheromone work which has helped us identify new sites for the moth)

Laura Shelbourn talked about a volunteer project she undertook at Haweswater - Montane Habitat Moth Monitoring

Rosa Mendendez talked about the work she and her students are undertaking to help identify the factors that will effect northern butterflies on the their southern range limit, using Northern Brown Argus, Mountain Ringlet and Scotch Argus as examples.

Appendix 1 Treasurer's report

2017-2018	Income	2018-2019
£3,539.68	Total Brought Forward	£2,116.40
£1,851 BC subscriptions		£1,827.00
£110.90 Atlas & Book Sales		£108.16
£1,746.35 Pin Badge Sales (plus refund of £0.72 error from 2017-18)		£313.84
£143.00 Donations		£23.80
	VAT from Head Office	£19.58
	Refund of error by Head Office	£51.08
£3,851.25	Total Income For Year	£2,343.46
<i>(£2,104.90)</i>	<i>Income less Pin Badges</i>	<i>(£2029.62)</i>
£7,390.93		£4,459.86

2017-2018	Expenditure	2018-2019
£2,077.27	Head Office Payments – Contributions to Projects	£406.80
£28.42	Head Office Payments - Insurance	£33.90
£1,797.43	Head Office Payments – Pin Badges	£313.12
	Payment to Other Branch (NE Scotland Butterfly Leaflets)	£210.00
£140.82	Conservation – Event Costs	£77.69
£175.60	Conservation – Volunteer Expenses – DBB	£8.71
£151.91	Conservation – Volunteer Expenses – Other	£109.75
	Conservation – Field Equipment	£78.99
£690.42	Newsletter & Membership Production & Postage	£837.34
£28.78	Support Costs – Postage	£14.82
£113.20	Support Costs – MapMate Licenses	£125.80
£69.68	Support Costs - Other	£35.00
	Management – AGM Costs	£167.47
	Error by Head Office (Repaid 5 th April 2019)	£494.00
	Payment of last year’s creditors (CS postage)	£324.40
£5,274.53	Total Expenditure For Year	£3,237.79
<i>(£2,014.98)</i>	<i>(Expenditure For Year Less Pin Badges & Burnet Fund)</i>	<i>£2,924.67)</i>
£2,116.40	Total Carried Forward	£1,222.07
£7,390.93		£4,459.86

	Balances Carried Forward (Corrected for H/O Error)
Restricted Funds - DBB	£1260.47
Unrestricted Funds	£455.60
Total	£1,716.07
Fund Name	Dark Bordered Beauty Survey Expenses
Opening Balance	£1,269.18
Income	Nil
Expenditure	£8.71
Balance Forward	£1,260.47

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