Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

Draft Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting of the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

Saturday 27th September 2025, 1pm at Common Farm

In attendance:

Cara Turton-Chambers (Trustee)

Gillian Foxcroft (Trustee)

Lynn Crowe (Trustee)

Nigel Huish (Vice-Chair)

Patricia Rice (Trustee)

Paul Lynch (Trustee)

Richard Cuthbert (Trustee)

Wendy Furness (Trustee)

Jo Smith (Chief Executive Officer)

Alex Rogers (Company Secretary)

21 members (the register of attendees is retained by the Trust)

Apologies for absence

Dawn Asher (Treasurer)

David Renwick (Trustee)

Jim Dixon (Trustee)

Stephanie Gradwell (Trustee)

Tim Graham (Trustee)

The Chair welcomed everyone and noted that apologies received would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

The Chair made reflections on the successes and achievements of the Trust as well as current challenges. The Chair discussed the Trust's vision for a Wilder Derbyshire where people and wildlife thrive together and discussed the Trust's immediate priorities. The Chair also thanked key funders, supporters and members as well as recognising the contribution of staff, volunteers, and community partners.

The Vice Chair presented the annual accounts to March 2025. The Vice Chair commented on the trusts statement of financial activity, balance sheet, and reviewed income and expenditure over the past 12 months in comparison to the previous year. The Vice Chair confirmed that the Trust's financial reserves are in line with the Trust's financial reserves policy.

The Vice Chair stated that BHP, the Trust's auditors, confirmed that the accounts:

- Provide a true and fair view of the activities for the year ended 31 March 2024.
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with UK GAAP.
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

Approval of the Minutes of the 62nd AGM (Annual General Meeting) Held on 30th September 2024.

The minutes of the 62nd AGM were accepted unanimously by a show of hands.

Adoption of the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for 2024-25

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The Adoption of the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for 2024-25 was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

Appointment of the Trust's Auditors

The Chair proposed the reappointment of BHP as the Trust's Auditors for the current financial year.

The decision was carried unanimously by a show of hands and BHP Chartered Accountants were appointed the Trust's auditors for 2025/2026.

Election of Trustees

The Chair explained that Trustees remain in office for three years from the date they are elected and may stand for re-election at the end of the three year period provided they have less than six years' service.

It was noted that the Chair and Vice Chair have served their full term on the Board of Trustees and would be standing down at this meeting.

Two Trustees are nominated by the Board for re-election.

Wendy Furness

Proposed by: Gillian Foxcroft Seconded by: Cara Turton Chambers

Jim Dixon

Proposed by: Patricia Rice Seconded by: Lynn Crowe

The decision to re-elect the above Trustees was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

Patricia Rice is nominated by the Board as Honorary Chair.

Proposed by: Richard Cuthbert Seconded by: Wendy Furness

The decision to elect the above Trustee as Honorary Chair was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

The Chair answered questions from Christine and Alan Brown and Kay Crago.

With there being no questions and no other business, the Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting ended at 1.50pm.