

# Dumbleton Conservation Society

## Annual General Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Committee Members present:** Darren Price (DP), Bob Kennedy (BK), David Braham (DB), Pete Stanley (PS), Nick Towe (NT), Anne Goodenough (AG)

### Committee Members Apologies

Received from Annette Judge (AJ).

#### 1. **Welcome to the AGM and Apologies (DP)**

DP welcomed everyone to the second AGM of Dumbleton Conservation Society and noted the apologies from committee members. Annette has now moved out of the village and has decided to stand down from the committee.

#### 2. **Report on DCS activities 2023-24 (DP)**

DP summarised activities for the last year and recognised the contributions of members.

Overall it has been a busy and positive year with a continuing challenge as we object to the nature of the current planning application for residential development in Golden Hay Field as well as taking on new opportunities to help protect the heritage of the village.

- We have objected to the current planning application in Golden Hay Field, both individually and collectively as a Society. Thanks to NT for his work on the very comprehensive objection and to all members who contributed.
- We have applied for an Asset of Community Value order which was approved initially, only for TBC to withdraw their approval on the grounds of a process error on their side. We continue to press TBC for resolution of this.
- We amended the constitution with the addition of an annual membership by household to raise funds to support the work of the society, and to allow membership of those with a close affinity to the village.
- We published newsletters to inform the village of our work and ran a very successful photo competition for the first DCS Dumbleton Village calendar. This was very well received, selling over 100 calendars and raising funds for the Society.
- We started working with Dumbleton Village Hall (DVH) to adopt the red telephone kiosk in the village and save it from being demolished. We made a contribution of £337 to the fund held by DVH to restore and relocate the kiosk.
- DCS has attended Parish Council meetings regularly and developed a good working relationship with both the Parish Council and DVH.
- We thanked DVH for their support of the Calendar sales and hope that the promotion of the calendar has helped to increase business for their pop-up café.
- Thanks to AG, we have also made an application for Golden Hay Field to become a key local wildlife site. Unfortunately, although we have correctly

submitted an application, Gloucestershire County Council is unable to process it at this time.

- DP finished by thanking the Committee for their support in achieving a great deal in 2023/24.
- DB called out his thanks to DP, PS and BK for all their administration and support of the Society for the previous year and those present unanimously agreed.

### **3. Report & Update on Society Finances (BK)**

BK circulated a summary of the Society finances. We have covered all our costs and, mainly due to the income from the calendar, have a healthy bank balance of £431.26, after making a contribution of £337 to the red telephone kiosk fund.

The meeting discussed if we should to continue with the annual membership fee at the same amount, and it was concluded that we will do so for 2024 and review again at the next AGM.

### **4. Election of Committee Members (DP)**

DP confirmed that he is happy to stand for the position of Chair. NT proposed, and PS seconded Darren's candidacy. No other candidates were proposed. DP was duly elected Chair of the Dumbleton Conservation Society Committee.

PS confirmed that he is happy to stand for the position of Secretary and also Membership secretary. BK proposed, and CH seconded Pete's candidacy. No other candidates were proposed. PS was duly elected Secretary of the Dumbleton Conservation Society Committee.

NT proposed, and BK seconded Pete's candidacy for Membership Secretary. No other candidates were proposed. PS was duly elected Secretary and Membership Secretary of the Dumbleton Conservation Society Committee.

BK confirmed that he is happy to stand for the position of Treasurer. CH proposed, and AG seconded Bob's candidacy. No other candidates were proposed. BK was duly elected Treasurer of the Dumbleton Conservation Society Committee.

The meeting then addressed the positions of up to four Committee Members with no portfolio. PS confirmed that Annette Judge (AJ) has decided to stand down.

Anne Goodenough (AG), Nick Towe (NT) and David Braham (DB) verbally confirmed that they are happy to continue working on the Committee and to stand for one of these roles.

Clare Hambro (CH) confirmed that she is keen to join the committee.

There were no other proposals to stand for these roles and the meeting agreed to duly elect Nick Towe (NT), David Braham (DB), Anne Goodenough (AG), and Clare Hambro (CH) as Committee members.

**5. Changes to Constitution (PS)**

PS quickly explained a small update to the Constitution brought about by a change in the naming of the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Beauty (AONB) to the Cotswold National Landscape. PS shared the revised wording of the aims of the Society in the Constitution and this was agreed by all present.

**6. AOB**

DP opened up the meeting to any questions or any other business from those present.

Jim Harmsworth Cowles thanked the Society for all that they are doing for the village and confirmed that DVH will be delighted to work with us in fund raising for the phone box and general works of the society. Jim said that they have £715 from a GoFundMe page and about £1200 in total so far for this campaign.

**7. AGM Closure**

DP thanked everyone for attending the AGM and reiterated that it had been a good year.

DP closed the meeting noting that the next AGM is scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025, and asked everyone to look at the DCS website for the schedule of meetings and events.