

ARBORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION - SCOTTISH BRANCH

Minutes of the Scottish Branch Committee meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 16th December 2020.

Present: Chris Simpson - Chair (CS), Alan McDowall - Vice Chair (AM), Struan Dalgleish – Secretary (SD), Will Hinchliffe (WH), Nick Porter (NP), Simon Stuart (SS),

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mark Foster. Keith Vernon did not respond.

2. MINUTES FROM THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the last committee meeting held on the 23rd September 2020 were approved and are posted on the Scottish Branch page of the AA website.

3. OFFICERS' REPORTS

3.1 Chair

CS thanked everyone for logging in. He thanked SD for setting up the meeting using 'Teams' AASB Group due to the Corona Pandemic.

3.2 Secretary

SD had nothing further to add.

4. ITEMS

4.1 Grow Careers

HW attended the online event held by the Institute of Chartered Horticulture on behalf of the Arboricultural Association Scottish Branch and had answered questions from those considering a career in Arboriculture.

He reported it went well with 92 logged in to attend and thanked those who had submitted video of their work as arborists.

It was agreed that the Association should have a larger presence next year and to extend the invitation to Arboricultural Colleges in Scotland.

4.2 AGM

CS confirmed the Branch AGM is to be held online on from 12.30 on Saturday the 30th January 2021.

Sarah Jackson, from Head Office is to assist setting up online and advertise the event on the web site.

Dr Coralie Mills is to be the speaker on the day and provide an insight into her work as a Dendrochronologist,

Following her presentation and question session the AGM would be held at 1315 and the meeting close around 1330.

Due to the online nature of the AGM this year it was agreed that neither the Tom Hall or Ken Martin Award would be presented.

4.3 ARB Mag

NP had a good selection of articles for the Arb Mag. This included submission from the Borders Forest Trust, Chris Simpson, Ian Morrison and Donald Rodger.

5. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

No further points were raised for discussion.

6. DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The AGM at 1315 on the 30th January 2021 would be the next committee meeting.
The meeting would be held online.

Struan Dalglish
AASB Secretary