



52nd AGM for Manx Wildlife Trust
Thursday 26th June 2025, at Lloyds Bank, Douglas, 7.00pm

Present: Graham Makepeace-Warne, Simon Cain, Felicity Cain, Antony Boyd, David Bellamy, Kim Etherton, Mr P & Mrs K Jenkins, Steve Wright, David & Heather Kennett, Marnie Kelly, John Hunter, Sophie Pearce, Fay Manners, Andrew Johnston, Kerry Johnston, Rachel & Richard Hartnoll, Andy Brand, Liz Brand, Rachel Coomer, Paul Craine, Greg Slater, Jax Keenan, Marianne Kerruish, David Elyan, Valerie Cottle, Philip Corlett, Jayne Cubbon and Liz Charter

Attending remotely: Rachel Glover, Angela Little, Stephen King, Michael Howland, John Howie and Karen Ratzeburg

Apologies: Jane Clucas, Sue & Nick Woolard, Jane Prescott, Clive Alford, Joan & Bill Wilson, Bernard & Margaret Scarffe, Mark Fitzpatrick, Roger Pullin, Mary Brown, Marion Teare, Paul Thomas, John Bowers, Margaret Brierley, Alan Cope and Marion Bolam

Welcome: Simon Cain (Chair) welcomed everyone to the 52nd AGM of MWT.

Ordinary Resolutions:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 51st AGM held on 7th August 2024.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Presentation by Nigel Cheesley, Director of Sustainability, Lloyds Bank International

A short film was presented which promoted the Carbon Credits scheme and featured MWT's Crossags reserve.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chair provided an overview of the work of MWT during the last 12 months.

This included a confirmation of the MWT Treasurer changing from Antony Boyd to John Hunter.

Thanks were given to the Finance Committee and Number 1 Accounts, in particular Kat Whittaker. The Chair highlighted various collaborations and partnerships which made this such a successful year. A surplus was achieved and legacies have been particularly important in enabling MWT to achieve its objectives. The support of Aviva, National Lottery Trust and Lloyds International were also key to our success.

4. Approval of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2025.

Antony Boyd (Treasurer) thanked the work of the Finance Committee, the Officers of the company and Number 1 Accounts, as well as the shop volunteers for their support. The Annual Accounts will be made available on the MWT website.

A question was raised regarding grant income from 22 North and the Chair provided information on this private family foundation based in London. MWT had been successful in their bid with 22 North and the funds will be used to fund the Head of Conservation & Land role for 3 years.

An amendment to page 22 replacing the words 'will be' with 'was' while adding a date after Glen Auldyn 'in May 2025' was proposed by: Andrew Johnston Seconder: Liz Charter. This amendment was unanimously approved.



The Annual Accounts were presented to Members. Proposer: Kim Etherton Seconder: Sophie Pearce. The amended Annual Accounts to year ended 31 January 2025 were unanimously approved.

5. Approval of the reappointment of Moore Dixon as auditors and their remuneration in such terms as shall be approved by Council.

Proposer: Andrew Johnston, Seconder: David Kennett. The reappointment of Moore Dixon as auditors was unanimously approved.

6. Adoption of New Memorandum and Articles of Association

The Chair tabled before the meeting a proposed new form of Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Chair explained to the Members that the Attorney General's consent was required prior to the charity adopting the new Memorandum and Articles of Association and that this had been provided in writing on 14th May 2025. The Chair then referred to each of the alterations being proposed to the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association which were each considered. The resolution was proposed by Felicity Cain and seconded by Heather Kennett. The proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association was approved unanimously by all Members present as a special resolution.

7. Appointment of the two new Trustees and the re-election of one existing Trustee for the MWT Council:

- Karen Ratzeburg (new)
- Rachel Coomer (new)
- Magnus Grinneback (re-elected)

Proposer: Sophie Pearce, Seconders: Kim Etherton. The new appointment and re-election of the council members was unanimously approved.

8. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Graham Makepeace-Warne presented a summary report for the last year, which covered the period while Leigh Morris was CEO. The full report will be made available on MWT's website.

9. Questions and any other business:

Andrew Johnston passed on his personal thanks to Leigh Morris for raising the profile of MWT during his five-year term as CEO. Felicity Cain asked how MWT were planning to engage more with the public outside of our website and social media. Graham Makepeace-Warne replied that we would like to have more direct engagement with the community, one example is having a guest speaker visiting in September 2025. Jax Keenan asked how MWT are trying to encourage younger people to connect more to nature. Graham Makepeace-Warne replied that MWT's Education Officer is providing courses for Primary School children, but there is also an ambition to involve older age groups. Kirrie Jenkins added that secondary schools have Ambassadors for Environment – perhaps they could liaise with MWT's Education Officer.

10. Chairperson closing remarks

Simon Cain thanked all those who attended this year's meeting.

The meeting ended at approximately 8.30pm.