

**MONMOUTHSHIRE MEADOWS GROUP**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 20.4.21 on Zoom**

1. PRESENT: see attached list

2. APOLOGIES: Mary Barkham; Clare Catto; Sarah Cheese; Jill Featherstone; Stephanie Poulter; Stephanie Tyler

3. MINUTES OF 2020: These had been placed on the website. Members agreed these were a correct record.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT:

Rachel Duncan Morgan congratulated Dr Stephanie Tyler on her MBE in the New Year's Honours List for conservation work in the UK and Africa.

There had been no Open Days in 2020 because of Coronavirus but a lot of work had gone on in Wet Meadow, thanks to grants from Trellech United Communities Council and the Welsh Churches Fund. Kissing gates had been installed, access improved etc. Dick Coates was thanked for all the hard work associated with this.

The Treasurer had been busy with the Trackmaster, including at Ida's Meadow and was thanked for the work.

Thanks were due to Steph Tyler, Elsa Wood and Sheelagh Kerry for completing almost as many land surveys as last year, despite Covid. Several pleasing new sites had been identified.

Membership recruitment was down, but new members are still being acquired. Marilyn was thanked for her work over this and for the excellent newsletters.

A new and improved second edition of the Fungi Book has been published.

Steph and Alan Poulter were thanked for their work in transporting the ponies who have been doing an excellent job on various meadows.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

David was thanked for his organisation and oversight of the finances. Receipts were not much different from last year. Expenses had increased because of refunding the Fungi Book but these will be recouped. The financial balance is very healthy.

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:

All the existing committee were happy to stand again. One new member – Clare Catto – had joined in the Autumn. Elsa Wood proposed all existing members should be re-elected. This was seconded by Jon Dunkelman and passed unanimously. Anyone interested in joining the Committee should contact the Secretary.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

7.1 It was noted that hopefully Open Days and stalls at events will resume in 2021. Those who had helped on these in 2020 were thanked for their assistance. Help was always needed for these events and anyone interested should contact the Committee.

7.2 Richard Newhouse asked if the change to a CIO meant that there was a new bank account. During the Charity Commission transition process had taken the steps recommended and the application had been approved by the Charity Commission. MMG had yet to transfer the assets but so far had received no indication that a new bank account would be needed. MMG banks with Lloyds (Treasurer's account) which is in the business division especially for charities with a turnover of less than £50,000. MMG had not changed in that respect.

7.3 2023 is MMG's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Members were asked for ideas for celebrating the anniversary.

## Attendees

Rachel	Morgan	Chair
Pamela	Manfield	Minutes secretary
David	Llewellyn	Treasurer
Marilyn	Dunkelman	Membership secretary
Clare	Adamson	Committee member
Judith	Carruthers	Committee member
Dick	Coates	Committee member
Jules	Barrell	
Nick	Beaugié	
Maggie	Biss	
Helen	Bosanquet	
Nicola	Bradbear	
Andrew & Janet	Cormack	
Cheryl	Cummings	
Cecilia	Davies	
Jon	Dunkelman	
David	Emerson	
Sylvia	Fowles	
Anthony	Furness	
Viv	Geen	
Jane & Steve	Gilliard	
Elvin & Jenny	Hart	
Hilary	Hillier	
Sally	Jones	
Sheelagh	Kerry	
Gillian	Knowland	
Patsy	Lewis	
Pamela	Lloyd	
Martin & Patricia	Milling	
Elizabeth	Murray	
Richard	Newhouse	
Claire	Owen	
Rosemary & Glyn	Parkhouse	
Sarah	Prince	
Josie	Sadler	
Derek	Sanderson	
Rosemary	Smith	
Jill	Thomas	
Guin	Vaughan	
Elliot	Waters	
Jeanne	Weston	
Lynn	Williams	
Rhian & Alastair	Williams-Flew	
Elsa & Adrian	Wood	