

MINUTES (DRAFT)

Directors present: Robert Peacock, Stephen Parker, Adam Flinton

Members present: Jane Peacock (Proxy), Christine Evans (Proxy), Michael Lawson, Andrew Senior, Andy Sharp, Hazel Thompson (Proxy), Stuart Thompson (Proxy), Linda Turnell, Faith Young (Proxy), Chris Hall (Proxy), Sunni Parker, Ruth Blaimires, Sam Allum, Robert Weatherley, Roger Crowther, Anita Cassidy (Proxy)

In attendance

Jennifer Hobson – Finance Administrator and Company Secretary (also a present member of RWCE)

Mick Couzens – Keep Scarborough Tidy

Brian Cockerill – Scarborough Field Naturalists (also a present member of RWCE)

Rob Stark – Scarborough Field Naturalists (also a present member of RWCE)

Sandra Branfoot – Scarborough Field Naturalists

Helen Arnold – North Yorkshire Council

Andy Deighton – Stepney Hill Eco Project

Sara Nowell – Stepney Hill Eco Project

1. Welcome and Introduction:

Stephen Parker (acting as Chair in the absence of the current Chair, Alan Robertshaw), welcomed everyone and gave a brief summary of the current status of the organisation and how the idea of having Co-Chairs would benefit RWCE. Thanks were expressed to Robert Peacock for his ten years on the board, highlighting the volume of work that Robert had achieved over the years.

Stephen spoke briefly about the future of the organisation and the new mission is to reconnect the woods as an asset to Scarborough. It was reported that next year sees the 400 year anniversary of Scarborough being a tourist resort as well as the first seaside resort in Britain. The Scarborough 400 Group are organising various celebrations with a focus on the waters of Scarborough. RWCE hope to be able to create corridors from the Woodlands down to the sea perhaps connecting with the theme of Scarborough waters. The importance of Star Carr was also highlighted. RWCE want to expand and move forward with a new team.

2. To receive and approve the minutes of the AGM held on 18 Jun 2024

The minutes of the AGM held on 18 June 2024 were **APPROVED**.

3. To receive the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024

The accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024 were **APPROVED**.

4. To reappoint Ashby Berry Coulsons as the Company's Accountant for another year

The reappointment of Ashby Berry Coulsons as the Company's Accountants was **APPROVED**.

5. Confirmation of Member Directors

There were three vacancies on the Board of Directors and just two candidates, meaning no election was required. Both Robert Peacock and Adam Flinton were automatically re-appointed as a Member Directors.

Robert Peacock gave a Chairman's Overview of the year up to 31 October 2024.

The Chair offered the opportunity for questions and answers.

Robert Peacock gave a fascinating presentation on the geological, archaeological and human history of the local area from 165 million years ago to the present day.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.