

MINUTES OF LBC COMMITTEE MEETING, 29 JULY 2015

Present: John Watt, Phil Hyde, Phil Espin, Robert Carr , Mike Harrison and Andrew Chick.

Apologies for absence: Bill Sterling, John Clarkson, Grahame Hopwood, John Badley and Ian Macalpine-Leny.

Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed to be a true record.

Matters arising: Following the LSWP workshop, it was fortunate that Andy Sims found a nest site at an early stage, contacted the BTO, who made a visit and installed a camera. Andy will write an account for the next Bird Report.

In future, it will be a condition of receiving a grant that the recipient is a member for the years concerned. This may not always have been the case.

We have received no feedback from any source about the change from the LBC Garden Scheme to the BTO one. APC will investigate the website and report back; PE will ask the BTO how many members moved to their scheme.

AGM: There was a long discussion about the merits of changing from a Tuesday evening to a Saturday afternoon, with many arguments in favour of both. A change of venue was also discussed. On balance, the committee felt that we have a successful formula and are reluctant to fix what may not be broken. Nonetheless, a poll will be put on the forum to try and gauge the feelings of the members. In addition, it was suggested that the next committee meeting be an open meeting – see below under *Date of next meeting*.

Officers' reports:

Treasurer: A statement had been circulated. Subscription income has risen from £2127 in July 2014 to £3134 currently and we should cover the cost of publishing the next Report, particularly if the income from data searches from the GLNP is included.

Secretary: The Minox gift binoculars had been returned and repaired; they will be raffled at the joint BTO/LBC meeting in November.

A brief report was given of the meeting of the Urban BAP group, attended by RC, where it was felt we were not able to contribute a great deal.

Sales secretary: was absent; report circulated and presented by RC. As always, the committee is very grateful to Bill for his sterling efforts on our behalf.

Membership secretary: NTR in view of his IT problems.

County recorder North: absent but request presented by PE: the church in Louth have asked for a contribution to cover, in part, their losses as they have had to close the tower due to the nesting Peregrines. This is their 500th anniversary and a number of events using the tower have been cancelled, with a resulting loss of income. After some discussion, it was agreed that we would give them £250 and see if there would be any opportunities for publicity. The committee wanted to thank all involved, including John Clarkson, Geoff Mullett, Bob Sheppard and Alan Ball.

County recorder South: absent.

Webmaster: NTR.

Chairman: Following a request from PH, PE agreed to ask JRC to convene a meeting of the LBRC, which Steve Keightley has recently joined following the resignation of Dean Nicholson.

PE gave details of the draft plan for the joint BTO/LBC day at Whisby on 28th November 2015 and the speakers and topics are excellent.

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AOB: A suggestion had been received from Jim Wright that the section on the home page of the forum called "Rare Bird News" be renamed "Latest Reports". This will be done when time allows.

Various members will attend the Birdfair and approach potential speakers for the next AGM.

Following another suggestion, it was agreed that there will be a "Donations Box" at the AGM and non-members will be invited to contribute.

Date of next meeting: 18th November. This will be an open meeting; members of the club will be invited to attend and contribute; no-one will be forced to undertake any jobs!

Meeting closed at 21:18