

MINUTES OF LBC COMMITTEE MEETING, 27 JULY 2016

Present: Phil Hyde, Phil Espin, Bill Sterling, Robert Carr, Mike Harrison and Andrew Chick.

Apologies for absence: John Watt, John Clarkson and Ian Macalpine-Leny.

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

Matters arising: Mike Harrison had been at the NFU stand at the Woodhall show to spread the word of the LBC.

The Louth Peregrines booklet continues to be sold; four young were fledged this year; the church has continued to be extremely co-operative.

Keith Atkin's obituary is in the bird report; Phil Espin found no significant bird records in his effects.

The membership pack issue has been sorted out and Wilma has a supply, with the 2014 report.

Officers' reports:

Treasurer: A statement had been circulated. There were no issues arising.

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

Robert handed over a case of archival presumed financial papers from John Watt to Phil Espin; Phil will look through and retain anything of value.

Sales secretary: Bill's report had been circulated; only one report has been sold this year but this should pick up with the new report.

Phil Espin and Andrew Chick will look into the possibility of contacting consultants who use the LRC (Charlie Barnes) and offering them a copy of the bird report: there are some technical issues to be resolved.

Membership secretary: 2014 report now collected from printers and will be posted out with newsletter early next week.

County recorder North: absent; Andrew reported that, for the first time, all sightings for 2015, including Gib Point, are already with Colin and Sheila – before the end of July! A start will be made on the report.

County recorder South: absent.

Webmaster: Andrew will make an update to the software that supports the forum; no such support exists for the photo album and he will investigate the possibility of archiving some or all of the photos. The number of postings in both sections continues to decline as a result of use of social media.

Phil Hyde: spoke of a recent talk by Andy Clements (BTO director) on the use of geolocators to track migrants of conservation concern; it was agreed that this would be a suitable topic for the next AGM and Phil Hyde will contact AC.

Chairman: Phil drew to our attention a fund-raising event at the newly opened visitor centre at Gib Pt; it was felt that the club should support conservation organisations in the county, possibly by giving grants; some suggestions were discussed. At the very least, the fundraising event will be advertised on our website.

AOB: Andrew told us that Charlie Barnes has already input the 2014 data into the LRC.

He also reminded us that we need to find a speaker for the joint LNU/LBC winter talk at Whisby in January 2017; after some discussion, Phil Espin will contact Graham Catley.

Date of next meeting: 16th November 2016.