

Minutes of AGM

20 October 2023

13:30 – 14.31 (24hr clock)

1. Welcome

Sir Andrew Cubie (Chair) welcomed the attendees to the AGM 2023.

Those in attendance were:

BOARD MEMBERS	OTHER ATTENDEES
Andrew Cubie	Lorna Baker
Stan Green	Jenny Simpson
Jim Jermyn	Millie Morton
Charles Carnegie	Susan Swallow
Colin Stirling	Natalie Morgan-Klein
Peter Sinclair	
MEMBERS	
Fiona Thackeray	
Alastair Simmons	
Jinty Moffet	

2. Apologies

Apologies Received from:

Linda Treliving Ken Cox	Michael Buckley-Jones
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3. Minutes of Previous Year's AGM

The Minutes of the 2022 AGM were accepted by the attendees as a true record of the AGM 2023:

Proposer	Seconder
Colin Stirling	Charles Carnegie

4. Matters Arising from Previous AGM Minutes

AC would like to update everyone on a couple of matters from the 2022 AGM Minutes.

Trellis website is still under reconstruction. A few hurdles have occurred during the last few months with contractors being changed.

Calyx Project position has yet to be filled but we have deliberately not started on this until we have the time and resources to launch the project properly.

We are now in partnership with Thrive to create the Professional Body for Social & Therapeutic Horticulture (STH) which has advanced substantially.

5. Chairman's report

2022 saw our first in-person AGM since lockdown at Badenoch & Strathspey Community Hospital Therapy Garden, Aviemore, in atrocious weather and saw a sturdy 25 of us turn out.

Our 2023 AGM was scheduled to be in sunny Fife, however the forecast is for heavy rain (150% of the rainfall that caused flooding 2 weeks ago) and winds of 47mph, courtesy of Storm Babet. With an amber weather warning in force for much of Central, Eastern and Northern Scotland we sadly had to cancel and move online, with a plan to reschedule the site visit and presentations in Dunfermline for another time.

But whatever the weather, in 2023 the Trellis team has been very busy indeed:

Presentations in:

- Grunberg, Germany
- Melitopol & Zaporizhia, Ukraine
- Skane, Uppsala, Sweden
- UHI and SRUC colleges in Argyll & Fife, Scotland, Gardening organisations such as the Chartered Institute for Horticulture and Working For Gardeners Association, and care and health organisations such as NAPA (National Activity Providers' Association) and the Care Commission.
- Chichester, Kent, 'Propagating Green Therapies' event.
- AHTA (American Horticulture Therapy Association conference live stream from Seattle, USA)

And invitations to speak in the coming months in:

- Pistoia, Italy

We continued our training programme & approx. 24 live demonstration sessions – a full and well-attended schedule. The Information Service Team were busy fielding queries all year round.

Well-being garden created with HMP Dumfries & ongoing training for officers & prisoners.

Collaborations with Care Inspectorate and the National Activity Providers Association, as well as several gardening organisations, colleges, universities and other charity partners.

Developed a practitioner course with 2 colleges, now with SQA pending approval.

Recruited more Fieldworkers – a cross-country team providing in-depth on-site help.

Stalls and workshops at events including Age Scotland's Wellbeing event in Stirling and Scone Palace Garden Fair.

Founded UK Association for Therapeutic Horticulture, inviting Thrive to work with us in this project. Establishing the Professional body has been a huge milestone.

Founded World Therapeutic Horticulture Day – inaugurated May 18th with truly worldwide participation – the philosophy being, there can be no recognition of this practice, the practitioners and wider profession without awareness. As Charlie will mention, we put some of our reserves towards this work but now need to find funds to carry it on, in an uncertain funding climate.

We ran a stimulating and very well attended Seminar Series in March 2023 with presentations from Taiwan to Ecuador.

Our in person Annual Conference is back and planning well underway for 8 November 2023.

We've provided support to 2 centres in Ukraine to help them establish Therapeutic Horticulture there as a tool in the huge national effort in rehabilitation required.

We participate in a European network of Therapeutic Horticulture organisations, learning from each other and collaborating on joint programmes.

6. Treasurer's report

Charlie Carnegie, Treasurer, reported on the Trellis financial accounts – [see Summary Sheet](#).

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the meeting:

proposer	seconder
Jim Jermyn	Stan Green

7. Election of directors.

New directors are proposed/seconded individually.

Returning directors can be voted in en bloc.

	proposer	seconder
Colin Stirling (Returning)	Jinyty Moffet	Alastair Simmons
Mike Buckley-Jones (Returning)	Jinyty Moffet	Alastair Simmons
Andrew Cubie (Returning)	Jinyty Moffet	Alastair Simmons
Peter Sinclair (Returning)	Jinyty Moffet	Alastair Simmons
Linda Treliving (Returning)	Jinyty Moffet	Alastair Simmons
Stan Green (Returning)	Jinyty Moffet	Alastair Simmons
Charles Carnegie (Returning)	Jinyty Moffet	Alastair Simmons
Jim Jermyn (NEW)	Jinyty Moffet	Alastair Simmons

8. Appointment of Independent Examiner.

Name of Independent Examiner: **Chris Smith**

(Independent Examiner, Trainer, and Charity Advisor, Newburgh Fife.)

proposer	seconder
Charles Carnegie	Peter Sinclair

9. Membership Fees

No change from last year's rates -

- Individual: £25 per year
- Student: £25 for 2 years
- Project: £40 per year for organisations with an annual income of <£100,000;
- Project: £90 with annual income >£100,000
- Associate: £90 per year

proposer	seconder
Stan Green	Colin Stirling

10. Development Report

Fiona Thackeray, Trellis CEO reported on the work of Trellis over the year 2022-23. She also thanked all Trellis Directors, Volunteers, Partners, Patrons, Fieldworkers, Staff and Donors, Friends and Supporters for their invaluable support. – see full development report.

11. AOCB. Any items raised by those present.

There were no Matters Arising.

Meeting Ended 14:31