

Alan Carter welcomed everyone to the meeting

- 1) The minutes of the 2018 AGM held in Braemar were proposed by Nicky Penford and seconded by Matt Hay and approved by the meeting.
- 2) Directors report – Alan Carter, Chair, gave a summary of the work done by Reforesting Scotland in the past year, mentioning some of the projects and ideas that have been looked at but not completed i.e. RSHome, and the campaign for Riparian Zone. He indicated that the directors had agreed to spend down some of the surplus cash that Reforesting Scotland had accumulated over the last couple of years. Alan went on to thank those who have been at the forefront of activities in the last year, the Land Revival team, the Huts team, the Journal team, and those who had organised the Gathering. He looked forward to continuing progress on the 1,000 huts front and to the Hutters' Rally in Dundee in February 2020.

Ben Bate, Treasurer spoke to the accounts to 31st March 2019 - Once again the board can report a healthy financial position despite losing the funding from Lush

This is down to;

- i. Subscription being paid timeously – thanks to Paul and yourselves
- ii. A parsimonious board who will not sail too close to the wind
- iii. A number of donations being received
- iv. The availability of grant income to offset the cost of projects notably the Land Revival Tour.
- v. The net cost of Hutting being offset to some extent by raising funds at the hutters' rallies.

In 2019 there was a small surplus of less than £2,000 with a bank balance sufficiently high to allow Reforesting Scotland to be involved in projects mentioned into the current year.

As at end of August 2019 Reforesting Scotland is on budget to run down some of the surplus cash on the following, a Grant to Borders Forest Trust for a shelter, student bursaries, Thousand Huts and this year's land revival Tour.

Subscriptions continue to come in – more members always welcomed, however.

- 3) Reappoint the independent examiners, Patterson Boyd, Glenrothes, Fife. Proposed by Donald McPhillimy seconded by Fi Martynoga passed *nem con*.
- 4) To appoint directors – Alan thanked the two directors who will stepdown Hugh Chalmers with immediate effect and Ninian Stuart as at end February 2020. Each was presented with a gift by way of thanks for their long service to Reforesting Scotland. The meeting approved the appointment of Matt Hay who had been seconded onto the board by the directors last year and Nicky Hume who had been proposed in advance by Fi Martynoga and seconded by

Hugh Chalmers. The chair indicated that two further members had expressed an interest in becoming Directors and they would be seconded, Liz Murdoch with immediate effect and Finn Weddle later in 2020. Each of the new directors was invited to address the meeting briefly.

Alan indicated that new directors are always needed, and all should consider whether or not they wished to join the board.

- 5) AOB – there was none – the meeting closed at 10.10am with a vote of thanks to the Chair.