

A close-up photograph of a flowering plant with numerous small, vibrant purple flowers. The plant has a dense, upright growth habit with many small, dark purple buds and open flowers. The background is a soft-focus field of tall green grasses.

BSBI Scotland Annual General Meeting 2019



Ian Strachan, BSBI Chair of the Committee for Scotland

BSBI Scottish AGM - Agenda

12.00 on 3rd November 2019
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of the BSBI Scottish AGM 2018
3. Committee for Scotland
4. Chair's report
5. Field meetings
6. Scottish Newsletter
7. Date of the next AGM
8. Any other business

Draft minutes of the BSBI Scottish AGM 2018

Ian Strachan welcomed everyone, as Chair of the committee of Scotland, to the AGM which was held at RBGE on 3 November 2018.

Minutes of the AGM held on 3rd November 2017 had been circulated and were approved (proposed Robin Payne, seconded Pat Batty).

Committee for Scotland – Robin Payne, Sandy Edwards, Faith Anstey and Angus Hannah were all retiring, having served six-year terms. Ian thanked all four for their valuable contributions. He was pleased to report that Angus was willing to continue in his role as editor of the Scottish Newsletter, and Faith in her role on the Outreach Sub-committee.

Three new members had been proposed: John Crossley (proposed by Ian Strachan and Robin Payne), David Elston (proposed by David Welsh and Ian Francis) and Liz Lavery (proposed by Aileen Meek and Robin Payne). Liz Lavery is willing to take on the role of Secretary. All three nominations were approved, together with the remaining committee members: Ian Strachan (Chair), Lindsay Mackinlay (Vice-chair), Aileen Meek (Meetings secretary), Natalie Harmsworth, Liz Kungu and Alan Walker.

Scottish Officer report: Jim McIntosh presented his annual review. Highlights included:

- All our rare plant data has been supplied to Forest Enterprise Scotland, hopefully to inform forestry proposals and operations in Scotland.
- Scottish Recording Conferences – two one-day events were held in April in Edinburgh and Strathpeffer, including workshops on bladderworts and deergrasses attracted a total of 48 participants.
- Plant Families ID workshops - 29 beginners attended workshops in Aberdeen and Dumfries. Two grasses workshops also held. Thanks are due to Faith Anstey, Chris Miles, Aileen Meek and the many tutors.
- Two productive recording weeks held, in Wigtownshire and Westerness.
- Help provided to Millennium Seed Bank project, including data provision as well as seed collection.
- Local recording groups are doing much excellent work, with two new groups in 2018, in Fife and East Lothian.
- SNH support for Jim's post had been renewed for a further year in April, together with funding to digitise their Site Condition Monitoring rare plant data. Gratitude was expressed to SNH, RBGE, and the BSBI's members and donors.
- VCRs – Matt Harding has been appointed as joint recorder for Stirling, and David Elston as joint recorder for North Aberdeenshire and Kincardine.

Chair's report: Ian expressed thanks to the committee for their work over the year, as well as to Jim as Scottish Officer, and to Scottish VCRs and members for their efforts and support. The 40th annual Scottish Newsletter was published in the spring, for which Angus Hannah was thanked as editor. Ian paid tribute to Walter Scott who had died in February. He had been Vice-county Recorder for Shetland from 1961 to 2015 and had made a huge contribution to botany in Scotland.

BSBI submitted an objection to the application for a golf course at Coull Links due to its likely impact on a nationally important sand dune site and its flora. A Public Local Inquiry is to be held in February 2019.

Field meetings: A recording week based at Whitebridge in Easterness and a BSBI / BSS Alpine Field Meeting at Ben Cruachan are planned in June 2019. Several field meeting reports for 2018 are still due. Recorders are encouraged to contact Aileen Meek, Field Meetings Secretary, if they would like to arrange meetings to help with Atlas recording.

There was no other business.

BSBI Committee for Scotland 2018-19

Ian Strachan (Chair) - **RETIRING**

Lindsay Mackinlay (Vice-chair)

Liz Lavery (Secretary)

Aileen Meek (Meetings Secretary)

Natalie Harmsworth

Liz Kungu

Alan Walker

John Crossley

David Elston

SNH – Iain MacDonald/Sarah Smyth

Plantlife – Alistair Whyte

NTS – Dan Watson

Nominations for new committee members:

Ron Youngman proposed by Martin Robinson
& Liz Lavery





BSBI
Committee
for Scotland
Chair's
Report

Committee for Scotland

- Support for Scottish Officer
- Data – Atlas 2020
- Consultation – Scottish Forestry Strategy
- Coul Links LPI
- Post-Atlas projects
- Habitat Map of Scotland (HabMoS – SNH)
- Outreach Working Group
- Young people's representative – see poster

Scottish Recorder News

- Marion Moir appointed joint recorder for vc82 East Lothian.
- Andy Amphlett has resigned from vc94 Banff and become joint recorder for vc96 Easternness.
- Robin Cowe provisionally covering vc Berwickshire.
- Vacancies remain in vc98 Argyll (joint) and vc99 Dunbartonshire, as well as Banff. Expressions of interest to Jim please!
- Congratulations to Jay Mackinnon, recorder West Lothian on the birth of baby Flora!

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Field Meetings



Volunteers to lead field meetings in 2020 wanted please!
Contact Aileen Meek, Field Meetings Secretary, this
month if possible
Annual Summer Meeting planned for July based at Melrose

Thanks!



Finally some very important thankyou's - to Jim, Angus, Andy, Stephen, the Committee for Scotland and BSBI Centre especially Jane Houldsworth, Head of Operations, & Lynne Farrell, Hon Gen Sec.