



Annual General Meeting

Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline

20th September 2017

1. Welcome

Amanda Burgauer (AB), Chair of Scottish Rural Action, welcomed members and guests to the Annual General Meeting.

2. Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were proposed by Sandy Brunton and seconded by Alison McLeod. The minutes were approved with no amendments.

3. Chair's report

Amanda Burgauer gave a short report outlining the positive progress SRA has made since the last AGM. A priority for members was to see SRA raise its profile and rebrand. This has been going very well with a new logo and website and a greater social media presence. The conference has demonstrated the progress SRA has made towards achieving the Action Plan for 2017-19 and further steps to achieving that have been taken during this event. An updated action plan and more detailed report will be available in the next few months.

4. Financial report

SRA's income for 2016-17 was £210,954 and our expenditure was £201,506. The budget for this period was £202,496 and we were therefore slightly under budget.

5. Appointment of Accountant

SRA would like to retain our accountant, The Kelvin Partnership, who have been effective this year in producing our annual accounts.

6. Proposed change to Articles of Association

As agreed at the last AGM, SRA have been pursuing charitable status. The Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) have suggested minor amendments are required to the Articles of Association in order to achieve this and those amendments are proposed today. They make our charitable purpose clearer and aid us to avoid corporation tax implications. Amendments to the Articles were agreed.

7. Appointment of Directors

The discussion was led by Emma Cooper, SRA National Coordinator. Two nominations were received and as this means there are more spaces available than candidates no election required. The nominations are Amanda Burgauer and Alison McLeod. The nominations were approved.

8. Any other business

None proposed.