

AgriFood Charities Partnership

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual General Meeting of AFCP at The Peterborough Suite, East of England Arena, Peterborough on 5 November 2019.

Present: Prof Graham Jellis (Chairman)
Mrs Elizabeth Stephens (Secretary)
14 AFCP members/charity representatives/other attendees

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74	Welcome The Chairman welcomed those attending.	
75	Apologies Apologies were noted from the following members and supporters: Phil le Grice, Colin Smith, Helen Smith, Mike Steele, Rupert Cox, James Cross, Greg Smith, Debbie Beaton.	
76	Chairman's comments The Chair thanked Gordon Gatward for his service to the Board; through to his retirement due to ill health in February 2019. The untimely loss of AFCP Board member Anthony Burgess was also recalled with deep sadness. Debbie Beaton stood down as CEO at 31 March 2019, and GJ thanked Debbie for her excellent contribution to the organisation.	
77	Minutes for the Tenth AFCP AGM held on 6th November 2018. The minutes were approved.	
78	Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31st March 2019 The Chairman presented the Annual Report summarising the principal activities of AFCP: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three research projects jointly funded by agrifood charities in conjunction with AHDB, and a fourth under consideration; links with AHDB are excellent.• Continue to grow regional groupings of charities through meetings, frequently using AHDB projects as a focus.• Student Forum at the University of Reading; thanks to Ken Pallett for organising this event.• Continue to expand information of charities /partners and relevant news on AFCP website.• Publication of quarterly newsletter to enhance communications with sector charities and partners; all charities are invited to use both these communications tools to highlight funding opportunities and other matters. The Report was agreed by the Board. Elizabeth Stephens presented the Accounts for the year to 31 st March 2019, which were agreed and adopted by the Board.	
79	Appointment and resignation of Directors Chris Moody and Stuart Burgess both stand down as Directors at the AGM; Graham Jellis, Philip Richardson and Phil le Grice will continue as Directors, with Graham Jellis as Chair. Alex Payne, Jim Stevens and Gordon Bennett have expressed willingness to stand as Directors, and these appointments are confirmed. GJ thanked the outgoing directors for their support for AFCP. Any further nominations to the Board would be welcomed, and a warm invitation to attend a Board meeting and find out more about AFCP was extended.	
80	Subscriptions It was agreed that the level of subscription for member organisations should continue at £300 per annum.	