

AgriFood Charities Partnership

Minutes of the Twelfth Annual General Meeting of AFCP by Zoom on 17th November 2020.

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

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81	Welcome The Chairman welcomed those attending.	
82	Apologies Apologies were noted from the following members and supporters: Alex Payne, Douglas Bomford Trust, Cambridge University.	
83	Minutes for the Eleventh AFCP AGM held on 5th November 2019. The minutes were approved.	
84	Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31st March 2020 The Chairman presented the Annual Report summarising the principal activities of AFCP for the year to 31 March 2020 and plans going forward to 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Forum held at East of England Showground November 2019• Student Forum held in April 2019 at University of Reading• Regional meetings of charity groups continue, frequently using AHDB projects as a focus, continue to be well-received; using virtual meetings since April 2020;• There are now four ongoing research projects jointly funded by agrifood charities in conjunction with AHDB; AHDB are not funding projects for commencement Autumn 2021, but it is hoped that this initiative will continue beyond that date.• Continue to expand information of charities /partners and relevant news on AFCP website. Review of website to improve usage and footfall is ongoing;• 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.• Student Forum 2021 is planned to be held at Cranfield University in July• National Forum to be held at Hartpury University and College in Autumn 2021. <p>The Report was agreed by the Board.</p> <p>Elizabeth Stephens presented the Accounts for the year to 31st March 2020, which were agreed and adopted by the Board.</p>	
85	Appointment and resignation of Directors Graham Jellis and Phillip Richardson both stand down as Directors, but being eligible for re-election, have indicated their willingness to continue on the Board, with Graham Jellis as Chair. Alex Payne, Jim Stevens and Gordon Bennett continue as Directors. The following have indicated their willingness to stand as Directors: Jim Orson, Geoff Dodgson and Carl Edwards. The composition of the Board as detailed above was approved unanimously.	
86	Subscriptions It was agreed that the level of subscription for member organisations should continue at £300 per annum.	