

Morecambe Bay Partnership
AGM & Conference, 24 May 2010

Business Papers

AGM Agenda

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Election of Chair & Vice-Chair

Agenda Item 1

Captain Graham Maclean is happy to stand for re-election as the Chair of the Morecambe Bay Partnership.

Richard Greenwood is happy to stand for election as the Vice-Chair of the Morecambe Bay Partnership.

Resignation & Election of Trustees

Agenda Item 2

The constitution allows for a minimum of 6 and maximum of 12 trustees. Our current trustees are:

June Ashworth	Alan Chester (Treasurer)
Vic Crumley	Richard Greenwood
Phil Hurst	Dennis Laird
Joyce Lynch	Graham Maclean (Chair)
Ged McAllister	Geoff Paul
Richard Scott	Jane Wright

Since the last AGM (held February 2009) there have been no changes, i.e. no new Trustees and none have stepped down.

Trusteeship is open to any **member** of the Morecambe Bay Partnership, but must be agreed in writing by the nominee. We would ask that nominations be submitted to the Partnership Office with an outline of the nominee's interests by close of business on 18 May 2010.

This year Alan Chester, Phil Hurst and Graham Maclean are stepping down and standing for re-election.

Report from Trustees

Agenda Item 3

The Trustees Annual Report and audited Financial Statement for the year ended 31 March 2009 is available from our website

[www.morecambebay.org.uk] or you may request a copy from our office.

Treasurers comment:

Everyone will recognise that the financial situation is more difficult than any we have known in recent years. The Morecambe Bay Partnership sees a very challenging period ahead. We feel especially vulnerable as the financial difficulties of the public sector may be only just beginning, and a large element of our work is funded from the public sector.

If we are to allow recruitment to vacant posts and secure our development into the future we need to increase our income, and yet we are uncertain that we can maintain at least basic levels of financial support at present.

However, although the future looks challenging, in the last financial year we maintained a stable financial position thanks to the support of our BeachCare volunteers and funding for our work on the Regional Park.

We have a defensive financial strategy and the Trustees are confident that we have sufficient reserves for the immediate term. We believe we are doing what we can to secure the future of the Partnership in these difficult conditions.

Alan Chester, Trustee and Morecambe Bay Partnership Treasurer

The trustees propose that Fiona Parker, Chartered Public Finance Accountant continues as the appointed auditor for the Morecambe Bay Partnership.