

CPRE GLOUCESTERSHIRE
Minutes of an Annual General Meeting
Monday 11 August 2025

Note. The Annual General Meeting and these minutes cover two charities:

- *CPRE Gloucestershire (Charity No. 1187143), a CIO;*
- *CPRE Gloucestershire Branch, the former unincorporated charity (Charity No. 248577), which is retained pro tem on a care and maintenance basis in case legacies are left specifically to it.*

1. Welcome. Professor Patricia Broadfoot, Chair of CPRE Gloucestershire, welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting, which was being held remotely under Section 23 of the Charity's constitution.

2. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest. Apologies had been received from Aimee Malcolm. There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 28 May 2024 and matters arising. The minutes were approved: proposed David Brooke; seconded Richard Tyson; all agreed. There were no matters arising.

4. Review of the year. Professor Broadfoot reported on the charity's activity over the previous twelve months. Members had received the comprehensive CPRE Gloucestershire Annual Review beforehand so Professor Broadfoot emphasised highlights and successes rather than exploring the detail. The highlights were considerable, including the one-hundredth CPRE Award; the successful completion of a further Hedgerow Heroes Project (Professor Broadfoot was able to announce that a further phase had recently been approved); effective local involvement in the national CPRE campaign on rooftop renewables; a sunny members' event at Stanway House and - a bedrock of activity - the continued and considered involvement in local plans and planning applications.

Professor Broadfoot also used the opportunity to thank all those who had so willingly given their time and energy in furthering the charity's work over the year. Members joined the Chair in thanking the President, Madeleine Bunting and Vice Presidents; The Trustees and Officers for their continued advice and commitment; District Committees for their tireless campaigning locally; and Louise Chandler-Mullins and Matilda Jones in the CPRE Office, who had been involved in every aspect of the charity's work.

The Chair's Review was approved: proposed Bob Brown; seconded Prue Vernon; all agreed.

5. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Accounts. Claire Feehily presented her first report and set of accounts since taking up the post and noted three particular points. Members had received a detailed Statement of Financial Activities beforehand.

- i. CPRE Gloucestershire had had a relatively good financial year with net assets at the year-end of about £252,000. Running costs had incurred a small deficit of about £6,000 that had been more than off-set by an increase in the return from investments. Financial challenges had included a static income from subscriptions and inflation.
- ii. The charity's accounts had been presented in a new way that gives a clearer understanding of how major projects are accommodated. The reporting accountants had provided useful advice on this and other matters.
- iii. Financial resilience had been a priority, with changes including a reduction in office accommodation (and rent) and an improved way of securing Gift Aid. A move to new accounting software had also saved a good amount of time that could now be used elsewhere.

Claire Feehily concluded by thanking the former Hon. Treasurer, Julian Oxley, for a smooth transfer; and Matilda Jones for her continued help in financial administration. Professor Broadfoot thanked all concerned for the charity's current sound finances. The Report and Accounts were adopted: proposed Prue Vernon; seconded David Brooke, all agreed.

6. Adoption of BK Plus as reporting accountants. Professor Broadfoot invited members to approve BK Plus of Cheltenham as the charity's reporting accountants. Proposed Colin Evers; seconded Richard Tyson; all agreed.

7. Election of Officers. Patricia Broadfoot advised members that the following officers had been recommended by the Board of Trustees. Proposed *en bloc* Prue Vernon; seconded Bob Brown; all agreed.

President	Madeleine Bunting
Vice Presidents	The Early of Harrowby; Professor Adrian Phillips; Dame Fiona Reynolds; The Earl of Wemyss and March
Vice Chairs	Steve Smith; Richard Lloyd (Vice Chair but not a Trustee)
Hon. Treasurer	Claire Feehily

Steve Smith chaired the meeting for the remainder of the item to recommend the election of Professor Patricia Broadfoot as the CPRE Gloucestershire Chair. Proposed Steve Smith; seconded Bob Brown; all agreed. Steve Smith noted that Professor Broadfoot's term of office was now complete but the charity's constitution had been altered to allow the extension of terms of office by one year in special circumstances. A new Chair will be sought in the forthcoming year. Members were content with this approach.

8. Election of Trustees. The Board of Trustees for the forthcoming year will be:

Re-elected: Bob Brown; David Crofts; Colin Evers; Heather Mackenzie; Richard Tyson.
Proposed David Bayne; seconded Prue Vernon; all agreed.

Elected: Aimee Malcolm was elected as a Trustee, following her co-option earlier in the year. Proposed Patricia Broadfoot; seconded David Crofts; all agreed.

Officers: Patrica Broadfoot, Steve Smith and Claire Feehily are Trustees *ex officio*.

9. Any other business. Professor Broadfoot took the opportunity to pass on her thanks to all CPRE Gloucestershire members for their continued support.

With the AGM complete, Professor Broadfoot introduced Roger Mortlock, Chief Executive Officer of CPRE nationally. Roger Mortlock described a broad sweep of CPRE activity and its recent successes, based for the most part on the 'CPRE network of Branches'.

AGM minutes cannot do justice to the comprehensive discussion which, among many other items, covered the purposes of a good planning system, electricity generation and transmission (the roof-top renewable campaign being a big victory for a small organisation), engaging a government with little money to spare, hopes for the strategic Land Use Framework, local government re-organisation, and hedgerows.

Roger Morlock also touched upon plans for the CPRE Centenary celebrations in 2026. Members were impressed by the scale and range of events that will take place throughout the year.

Professor Broadfoot, echoed by all members present, thanked Roger Mortlock for his talk - a *tour de force*.