

SCOTTISH WILD LAND GROUP

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Dear Member,

Notification of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

This letter is to advise you of this year's AGM, which will be held in the Honeyman Hall of the Parish Church Hall, at 12 Keir Street, Bridge of Allan on Sunday 27th November at 2.00pm for a prompt 2.30pm start. We should be delighted if you could attend, to catch up with what we have been doing since the last AGM and what we hope to achieve in the future, to share your views on current concerns and to hear and participate in our post AGM discussion.

The AGM will be followed by a discussion on the impacts associated with energy development in the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. There will be an illustrated presentation by Nick Kempe who produces the Parkswatch blog and is a past president of the Mountaineering Council of Scotland. Several members of the Steering Group attended a site visit with Nick in the summer when he showed us some of the changes he is concerned about; and of course, similar changes are happening elsewhere. This will be followed by an open forum when we would welcome hearing contributions and views from members and guests.

The venue this year is a new one for us. The Royal Hotel, our long-standing AGM venue, has gone up-market since last year's renovation and is now unbelievably expensive for this annual gathering. So no bacon rolls this year, but we will have teas and coffees etc. There is parking at the hall and on the adjacent street. There are frequent buses from Stirling to Bridge of Allan and the railway station is about a 20 minute walk away. The Sunday meeting is also a new departure for us; this was necessitated by our suitable dates clashing with various other meetings such as the JMT one in Edinburgh and various other AGMs.

The AGM papers will be on our website in due course at www.swlg.org.uk. The agenda for the meeting is overleaf. Should any member require hard copies of the AGM papers however, please contact us in good time, preferably by email, to allow their printing and postage. I hope very much to see you on 27th November.

Kind regards

Beryl Leatherland
[Convenor]

AGM Agenda

Parish Church Hall, 12 Keir Street, Bridge of Allan at 2.00pm

1. Apologies [please post to address above or send to admin@swlg.org.uk and beryl@chway.plus.com].
2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM held at the Stirling Court Hotel, Stirling University Campus on 6th December
3. Matters arising from the above minutes
4. Convenor's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Membership Secretary's Report
7. Election of Steering Group: all the current members as listed below are prepared to continue in their roles
 - Convenor: Beryl Leatherland
 - Treasurer: Tim Ambrose
 - Membership Secretary: Grant Cornwallis
 - Wild Land News Editor: George Charles
 - Members: Chrissie Valluri, Pete Ewing, James Fenton
8. AOCB

Note: We would like to increase the size of the Steering Group this year, to make it more representative of the whole membership. Please consider joining us to make your views more clearly heard. The time commitment is not great as we meet only around 4 evenings a year. If interested, please contact us via the address or emails above to find out more about what this might entail. The timing and venue of meetings is adjusted to suit members' needs as best we can.

We would also appreciate members volunteering to assist in some way in our efforts towards looking after Scotland's wild and special places and doing our best to contribute to counteracting the many threats they face. If interested at all, please feel free to contact me or any of the Steering Group members to discuss this. We particularly need assistance with various aspects of magazine production, as well as a range of other tasks such as helping to compile responses to planning applications, scrutinising Section 36 energy proposals, government consultations and policy papers and helping us to keep abreast of the various goings on and reports on the energy industry sectors.

We are also in great need of people who could assist with tasks such as website management, member contact methods and further development and/or use of social media. There is always a lot to do, all of it very interesting, and the more people we have helping, then the more the tasks can be shared and the more we can achieve!