

## AgriFood Charities Partnership

Minutes of the Ninth Annual General Meeting of AFCP at Duchy of Cornwall, 10 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6LA on 11 October 2017

**Present:** Prof Graham Jellis (Chairman)  
Mrs Elizabeth Stephens (Secretary)  
Ms Debbie Beaton (Chief Executive)  
7 AFCP members/charity representatives/other attendees

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61	<b>Welcome</b> The Chairman welcomed all those attending. The Chairman thanked Debbie Beaton, Elizabeth Stephens and all the directors for their work and support on behalf of AFCP.	
62	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were noted from the following members and supporters: Don Curry, Peter Redman, Helen Woolley, Jeremy Courtney, Greg Smith, Anna Baker Cresswell, Stuart Knight, Lizzie Luckes	
63	<b>Minutes for the Eighth AFCP AGM held on 23rd November 2016</b> The minutes were approved.	
64	<b>Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017</b> The Chairman presented the Annual Report summarising the principal activities of AFCP <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual Forum focussing on upskilling in the sector</li><li>• Student Forum with 22 students from the sector presenting papers or posters</li><li>• Liaison to set up research projects jointly funded by agrifood charities in conjunction with AHDB</li><li>• Continue to grow regional groupings of charities through meetings, support</li><li>• Continue to expand information of charities /partners and relevant news on AFCP website</li><li>• Enhance communications with sector charities and partners</li><li>• Modernised logo and posters</li><li>• Completion of report for NFU Mutual Funded Careers project.</li></ul> <p>The Report was agreed by the Board.</p> <p>Since her appointment Debbie Beaton had investigated commercial/charitable sponsorship to support AFCP financially, but with no immediate success; The Board have therefore agreed that focus should be on growing AFCP as a membership organisation financed by subscriptions. The drive to increase paying members is already bearing fruit with the addition of several new subscriptions over the past couple of months. Financial pressures have also been relieved by Debbie agreeing to continue her AFCP role on a pro bono basis. The Directors are very grateful to Debbie for this support.</p> <p>Funding will be sought for a market research project to better understand the charities in the sector and their contributions.</p> <p>Elizabeth Stephens presented the Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, which were agreed and adopted by the Board.</p>	
65	<b>Appointment and resignation of Directors</b> Peter Redman and Jeremy Courtney will both stand down as Directors as of AGM, with Phil le Grice being appointed to the Board:  Graham Jellis will continue as Chairman, with other directors thus as follows: Philip Richardson, Stuart Burgess, Chris Moody, Helen Woolley, Gordon Gatward, Anthony Burgess and Phil le Grice.	
66	<b>Subscriptions</b> It was agreed that the level of subscription for member organisations should continue at £300 per annum; subscriptions will continue to be annual but may now start on quarter dates 1 April, 1 July, 1 October and 1 January according to date of joining AFCP.	

