

**FARMER NETWORK MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING,
NEWTON RIGG COLLEGE PENRITH, 7.45PM, 30TH JANUARY 2020**

Present: Susan Aglionby, Charlene Bell, Roger Brown, Dean Butler, Jim Campbell, Bob Clark, Adam Day, Alan Dickinson, Steven Dixon, Andy Dyer, Chris Edmunds, Adam Fawcett, Kate Gascoyne, Donna Gough, Rob Hitch, Kevin & Martin Holliday, Tom Iredale, Chris Ladds, Carol Moffat, Chris Pears, Randal Raine, Will Rawling, Mary Robinson, Peter & Vicky Slater, Veronica Waller, David Watson.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Randal Raine welcomed all to the AGM.

2. Apologies

Linda Allan, Richard Chester, Richard Martin

3. Minutes of the ninth annual meeting of the Farmer Network AGM 2019

There were no matters arising. The minutes were agreed as a true record; proposed by Jim Campbell, seconded by Will Rawling and all were in favour.

4. Adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts for The Farmer Network Ltd

The adoption of the annual report and accounts was:

Proposed by Jim Campbell

Seconded by Rob Hitch

All in favour.

5. To decide on the membership fees for 2020

Current membership fees are Farmer £80 or £70 if paying by Direct Debit, Domestic £30 or £25 if paying by Direct Debit, Corporate £245 or £225 by Direct Debit. The Board proposes to keep them the same for 2020.

The Yorkshire Dales AGM agreed with this proposal.

All agreed to go with this proposal.

6. To note the nominated Council members to be elected members to the Board at the next Council Meetings

Christine Grange and Carol Moffat will represent the Yorkshire Dales Farmer Network and Randal Raine and Richard Martin will represent the Cumbria Farmer Network.

Randal introduced Senior Project Manager, who along with Project Managers Kate Gascoyne and Carol Moffat gave presentations on some of the projects the Network is involved with.

Veronica thanked Kate, Carol, Will, Ruth, Donna and all the team for their work on projects.

Randal thanked Veronica, Kate and Carol for giving the presentations. He also thanked Andy Dyer for the support and advice he gives to the Network.

Randal then introduced Mary Robinson of Cumbria LEP, who is also an Independent Councillor and Deputy Leader of Eden District Council. Mary spoke to the meeting regarding some of the work she is involved in.

Randal thanked Mary and thanked all for attending. He wished the Network luck for the future.

Meeting closed at 9pm.