

**Farm Woodland Forum  
Special General Meeting  
December 2004**



**Minutes of a Special General Meeting of the Farm Woodland Forum at 12.45 a.m.  
on Thursday 9 December 2004 at the Sir Stephen Watson Building, Bush Estate,  
Penicuik, Edinburgh**

**Present:** L.D. Incoll (Chairman), P.J. Burgess (Secretary), J. Dick, T. Dutson, J. Holland, G. Lawson, S. Newman, A.R. Sibbald, F.L. Sinclair, L. Sumsion, and A. Waterhouse (Treasurer)

**Apologies:** David Bellett-Travers, Gordon Millar, Md Abiar Rahman, Ian Short, and Mike Strachan.

**04/01 Amendment of the Constitution**

Lynton Incoll reported that the Farm Woodland Forum's application to register as a charity had been considered by the Charity Commission. However they recommended a change in the object of the Farm Woodland Forum so that it was "exclusively charitable". Hence a Special General Meeting had been called, with 21 days notice, to discuss the issue. According to the constitution, there was a quorum at the meeting.

Paul Burgess reported that he had been in contact with the Charity Commission and put forward two potential objects, based on the recommendation of the Commission, for consideration. These were: option 1 "to advance public education in all aspects of the sciences related to farming with trees in the United Kingdom and elsewhere" or option 2 "to advance public education in all aspects of the science and practice of farming with trees in the United Kingdom and elsewhere"

There was unanimous agreement that the second option was preferred. Hence it was proposed (proposed: Tony Waterhouse, seconded: Alan Sibbald) that Article C. Objects of the Farm Woodland Forum constitution, be amended to read "**The Charity's objects ("the objects") are to advance public education in all aspects of the science and practice of farming with trees in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.**" This was unanimously agreed.

There being no further business, the Special General Meeting was closed at 1.00 pm.

P.J. Burgess  
13<sup>th</sup> December 2004