

Greener Orkney

Annual General Meeting

11 October 2025, 5.00 pm

King Street Halls, Kirkwall

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair, Angela Fitzpatrick, welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting of Greener Orkney.

2. Present

Sarah Conlon
Dave Shepherdson
Jeanie Molyneux
Fran McCloy
John Foulis
George Vickers
Anne Sayer
Simone Burke
Neil Kermode
John Berry
Jeremy Nelson
Jane Nelson
Ruth Lea
Angela Fitzpatrick
Steve Adams
John Cupit

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

- Daniel Wright
- Geoff Sellers
- Lucy Dorman

4. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 November 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: John Foulis

Seconded: Anne Sayer

5. Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

The Trustees' Annual Report (TAR) and Annual Accounts were made available to members at the meeting

Angela Fitzpatrick, Chair, provided a summary of Greener Orkney's activities over the previous 12 months. Key areas of work included:

- Delivery of beach clean activities across Orkney, including a major project involving Sanday, Westray, North Ronaldsay and Stronsay which resulted in over 1,500kg of litter being collected.
- Continued operation and development of the Community Fridges, supported by volunteers and providing an important food redistribution service within the community.
- Successful completion of an Environmental Health inspection and ongoing work to ensure compliance with food safety requirements.
- Efforts to secure the long-term sustainability of the Stromness Community Fridge and identify funding for future operating costs.
- Recruitment of additional trustees to strengthen the Board and support the continued development of the organisation.
- Development of new initiatives, including the Repair Café project and partnership work around a community e-bike project.
- Establishment of the Orkney Circular Economy Network and continued collaboration with regional and national sustainability organisations.

Jane Nelson, Treasurer, presented the Annual Accounts as detailed within the Trustees' Annual Report and highlighted the organisation's financial position during the reporting period.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions on both the Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts.

The Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts were approved.

Proposed: Jeremy Nelson

Seconded: Jeanie Molyneux

Decision: The Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts were unanimously approved.

6. Election of Trustees

The Chair advised members that a number of existing trustees had indicated their willingness to continue serving on the Board and that several individuals had been nominated to join the Board as new trustees.

The following trustees were proposed for reappointment:

Returning Trustees

- Angela Fitzpatrick
- Fiona Firth
- Geoff Sellers
- Jane Nelson
- John Foulis
- Ruth Lea

The following individuals were proposed for appointment as new trustees:

New Trustees

- Anne Sayer
- Daniel Wright
- George Vickers
- Jeanie Molyneux
- John Berry
- Neil Kermode

The appointment and reappointment of trustees was proposed by Fran McCloy and seconded by Dave Shepherdson.

Decision: The appointment and reappointment of trustees was unanimously approved.

The Chair noted that Jeremy Nelson would be standing down from the Board. Members recorded their sincere thanks for his significant contribution to Greener Orkney over a number of years, particularly for his work in developing and maintaining the Greener Orkney website, preparing meeting minutes and supporting the governance and administration of the organisation. Members wished Jeremy well for the future.

7. Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

8. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.