



# SHORES of SOUTH DEVON

Marine Life Interest Association

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## Minutes of the 3rd AGM, 9th Nov 2023

### Royal Torbay Yacht Club, Torquay

**Attendees:** Toby Sherwin\* (Co-Chair and Steering Group member), Anne Gwynn (Steering Group member), Sue Watson-Bate (Steering Group member), Mark Foden\*, Louise Scammell\*, Caroline James\*, Tamsyn Mann (retiring Steering Group member), Duncan George, Kerry Sherwin, Rick Allbrook\*, Chris Widdecombe, Dave Waters\*\*. (Also present were 3 non-members for the live talk after the meeting, including the speaker).

\* rejoined, \*\* joined

Apologies were received from: Robert Morgan (Treasurer, away), Pete Jonas (AGM Secretary, ill), Belle Heaton (Steering Group member, away), Keith Hiscock, Dave Hutton and Derek Boustred.

#### 1. Introduction

Toby welcomed everyone to the 3rd AGM for the Shores of South Devon Marine Life Interest Association.

#### 2. Minutes of the last AGM 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021

These were put to the meeting and unanimously accepted.

#### 3. Co-Chair's Report

Toby gave a summary of the Association's aims (see attached document Annex 1). He described how the Association promoted itself through website, Facebook and Instagram. He then gave a round-up of the activities of the Association over the past year, which has included monthly Shoresearches on various beaches, public awareness events, articles for local newspapers and art/photo exhibitions. The details are given in the attached document Annex 2.

#### 4. Treasurers' Report

Toby went through a summary of the Treasurer's report in his absence which is attached to the minutes as Annex 3. The full report was not discussed as there were one or two small adjustments required to the text. The report was unopposed

#### 5. Steering Group

The existing members of the Steering Group were all re-elected, with the exception of Tamsyn Mann who is standing down due to competing pressures. Toby thanked her for her contribution in the last year, and in particular in recommending this year's speaker. The members of the Steering Group for 2024 are Toby Sherwin (co-Chair),



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Mike Puleston (co-Chair), Robert Morgan (Treasurer), Sue-Watson-Bate, Anne Gwynn, Pete Jonas, Belle Heaton.

## 6. Way Forward

Toby described some of the future events for the coming year in his Chair's Report (see Annex 2). There will be more Shoresearches, Zoom talks, Stalls and art / photo exhibitions during the next year. These will be advertised and promoted through Facebook and e-mails. In addition we expect to see Teignbridge District Council to provide us with a dedicated hut, to be shared with Dawlish Against Plastic at Coryton Cove, Dawlish which will be used for storing equipment and having displays to engage the public.

After the talk, Mike Puleston gave a short upbeat talk about the future of SoSD and its objectives.

## 7. A.O.B.

There were no suggested changes to the constitution or questions from the floor.

### Talk

After a brief interval the guest speaker, Kirsty Andrews, Underwater Photographer of the Year gave a fascinating talk, illustrated by some amazing photographs of marine animals around the coast of the British Isles and in particular south Devon. Afterwards she was presented with a new SoSD beanie hat.

Toby Sherwin (co-Chair and acting AGM Secretary, 2023)

Note: Due to illness the AGM Secretary, Pete Jonas, was unable to report the meeting.