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NOTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2005

The meeting was held in the offices of CSV Environment at St David's Centre, Queens Road, Bishopsworth, Bristol. 24 people were present.

André Coutanche, who had sent out the letter calling the meeting, introduced himself as Chairman of Malago Valley Conservation Group (M.V.C.G.) and welcomed everyone and thanked people for attending. The agenda was given in the calling letter.

1. Election of Chair for the meeting

André Coutanche was proposed by David Hurford and seconded by Peter Mitchell. As there were no other nominations, André Coutanche took the Chair.

2. Welcome and introduction

André Coutanche thanked CSV Environment for providing the venue for the meeting. He asked that all present sign the attendance list. Notes of the meeting would be taken by Danny Heaton and would go on the D.H.G. website.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Chris McFarling and Lesley Hurford. [Post-meeting note: apologies were also received from Sally Glass of the Woodland Trust but the Chair forgot to convey them].

4. Approval of expenditure of a sum to be notified on refreshments

The question of available funds was raised. The following information was given in response:

Bank Account (last statement)	£5358.37
Cash in hand	£5.10
Sale of <i>Walks on Dundry Hill</i> books (money held by M.V.C.G. for D.H.G.) . . .	<u>£298.00</u>
Total	<u>£5661.47</u>

The meeting agreed that refreshments would be provided after the meeting, the cost of which would not exceed £100. This was proposed by Frank Webb and seconded by Bridget Smith; the motion was carried. [Post-meeting note: the actual cost of the refreshments was £65.28].

5. To consider the motion amending Paragraph 10 of the constitution.

The motion was proposed by Richard Thomas and seconded by Frank Webb. This was duly carried nem. con.

6. To consider the motion: Dundry Hill Group be wound up in accordance with Paragraph 10 of the constitution.

This would need a two-thirds majority. Having expressed our disappointment that the Group had reached a point where it was no longer functioning according to its aims and objectives, it was felt that the winding up was inevitable. The motion was proposed by Peter Mitchell and seconded by David Hurford. The motion was duly carried nem. com.

The meeting then debated who would receive the funds and where the minute book and other records would be deposited. The point was raised that whoever received the funds should accept responsibility for the maintenance of the Spring Project and the Information Boards. It had been suggested prior to the meeting that Malago Valley Conservation Group (M.V.C.G.) would be a suitable recipient as they were the only organisation in the area with similar aims and objectives to D.H.G. The suitability of other groups was raised and discussed.

The money from the sale of *Walks on Dundry Hill* books had been ring-fenced by D.H.G. for a possible reprint or second edition. In the last couple of years, Marie Jo Coutanche had taken over the responsibility for the marketing of the book and had raised over £1200 from sales. Bridget Smith proposed a vote of thanks to Marie Jo which the meeting endorsed.

Frank Webb requested that Dundry Lunch Club should receive a sum of money. It was suggested that all the funds from D.H.G. should go to one organisation and that other groups could apply for funds if their needs were in line with the original D.H.G. intentions. At this point, André Coutanche read out the objectives of D.H.G. from the constitution. The comment was made that D.H.G. would not have given money to the Lunch Club as it did not meet their criteria. A proposal was made by John da Silva that the Lunch Club should receive 10% of D.H.G.'s net funds after deduction of the expenses of the meeting. It was pointed out that this would be difficult to calculate and did not allow for the ring-fencing of the book sales. This was then amended to propose that £250 should be given to the Dundry Lunch Club. This was seconded by Frank Webb. After some discussion, an amendment was proposed by Danny Heaton and seconded by Anton Bantock that the sum should be reduced to £150. Voting on the amendment was carried (10 for, 5 against) and the revised proposal was then carried (11 for, 5 against). It was agreed by the meeting that this was a one-off donation of this kind.

It was proposed by Anton Bantock and seconded by Richard Thomas that the residue of the D.H.G. funds after deductions, together with any other assets, should be given to M.V.C.G. and used so far as possible for the original aims and objectives of D.H.G. according to its constitution. This was duly carried nem. con.

It was suggested that ex-members of D.H.G. could, if they wished, join M.V.C.G. and hence monitor and influence what was happening.

The minute book and other records would be lodged with M.V.C.G. for the time being. If this proved a problem, or if M.V.C.G. ceased to exist, they would be passed to Bristol Record Office.

7. Any Other Business

There was none.

8. Closing remarks

André Coutanche closed the meeting by inviting people to enjoy the refreshments and to 'see off' D.H.G. in a positive and sociable way. He thanked Marie Jo Coutanche, Lola Hardingham and Beryl Heaton for the preparation of the food and drink, and reiterated D.H.G.'s thanks to CSV Environment for their hospitality.