



SUCCESSION TASK GROUP

Conference Call

Meeting note

Tuesday 15th May, 2018

11:00 – 12:40

Participants:

Will	Boyd-Wallis	CNPA (Chairing)
Richard	Cooke	ADMG
Roger	Burton	SNH
Colin	Shedden	BASC
Tim	Baynes	SL&E

Apologies:

Ronnie	Kippen	SGA
Andrew	Coupar	SNH
Eileen	Stuart	SNH
Duncan	Orr-Ewing	RSPB
Adam	Smith	GWCT
Davy	McCracken	SRUC

1 Introduction

The task group met to discuss the process by which a new chair for the Moorland Forum is selected. All agreed that it is very important that all forum members, regardless of their personal preferences, are supportive of both the selection process and the outcome and that it is seen to open and fair.

2 Review of the candidates

Six candidates have been put forward by forum members, but it has not yet been confirmed whether or not all of these are actually willing to stand as chair. The six potential candidates currently listed are: Doug McAdam, Drew McFarlane-Slack, Bill McKelvie, Hugh Raven, Simon Thorp, Steve Albon and Barbara Young.

It was noted that Simon Thorp has already intimated that he would be willing to act in the interim as a vice-chair to provide support to the existing chair if a decision fails to be made.

3 The appointment process

The succession task group agreed to recommend the following process to the Moorland Forum for their agreement on 1st June 2018:

c/o The Heather Trust, PO Box 7749, Lochmaben, Lockerbie DG11 9AE

web site: www.moorlandforum.org.uk e-mail: info@moorlandforum.org.uk

Tel: 01387 723201

Chairman: Lord Lindsay

Director: Simon Thorp

Administrator: Anne Stoddart

1. Lord Lindsay to write as soon as possible to all the potential candidates enclosing/attaching a profile of the chair role and asking them to a) confirm their willingness to be a nominee and b) provide a brief CV and resume of what they can offer the forum.
2. Heather Trust (Anne Stoddart) to draft an email voting form that has a box for the Forum member name/organisation, a table listing each of the nominees with a box against each name.
3. Voting form sent by Anne Stoddart to ALL forum members (not including the current chair). Forum members are then to be asked to simply place an 'X' against their preferred candidate and return the form to Anne who will count the votes.
4. If there is a perfect tie with two candidates coming neck and neck the current chair Lord Lindsay will get a casting vote.
5. If for any reason a forum member prefers not to vote for any one of the candidates they may abstain.
6. All forum members are reminded of the importance of electing a chair and are asked to respect the result of the vote which has been carried out in as fair and open a way as possible.

4 Next Steps

- Will Boyd-Wallis to prepare and send this meeting note to Anne Stoddart for inclusion in the papers for the Moorland Forum meeting on 1st June.
- Lord Lindsay to write to all potential candidates as soon as possible as ask them to provide their CV and resume in time for the forum meeting on 1st June.
- Forum members on 1st June to agree the process set out in this meeting note and or make suggested improvements.
- Forum members on 1st June to agree the dates for when voting forms are to be sent and votes cast.

5 AoB

- None except Will's [Big walk around the Cairngorms National Park](#).