



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Chagos Conservation Trust
Tuesday 12th March 2019
Linnean Society of London,
Burlington House, London, W1J 0BF**

Present: The Chair, Rachel McCaffery, Treasurer, Richard Martin and 15 members.

Chairman's report: The Chair's report was presented by Rachel McCaffery. The 2017-18 highlights included the completion of the Chagos Information Portal project, the announcement of the partnership with the British Indian Ocean Territory Administration to achieve the ultimate goal of an invasive rat-free archipelago and CCT Trustee Rachel Jones' successful Darwin Plus grant, via ZSL and the Bertarelli Foundation, to carry out research on the impact of plastics on the marine environment of the Chagos Archipelago.

Treasurer's report: The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 August 2018 had been circulated with the calling notice. The Treasurer stated that the 2017-18 financial year had been another good year for the Trust. Our auditors had completed an external examination of the accounts and had agreed these figures. The assets of the Trust had risen slightly during the year, and stood at £1.1m. However, he warned that the outlook for the current year, with Brexit, threatened trade wars and reduced growth worldwide, was likely to be less favourable.

Election of Trustees:

Since the last AGM, Rachel McCaffery and Rachel McGoff had been co-opted as Trustees and were elected. In addition, Birgitta Bostrom, Colin Clubbe, Chris Davies, Alasdair Harris and Jonathan Hunt were re-elected as Trustees.

Therefore, CCT's trustees for 2018/19 were: Birgitta Bostrom, Colin Clubbe, Steve Cole, Chris Davies, Alistair Gammell, Alasdair Harris, Sarah Havery, Jonathan Hunt, Ken Johnson, Rachel Jones, Richard Martin, Rachel McCaffery, Rachel McGoff, Amdeep Sanghera and John Turner.

Thank you to Alistair Gammell, who has been acting Chair for the past two years and now steps back into his role as CCT Secretary, Richard Martin who is stepping down from Treasurer after 12 years but remains as a trustee and Simon Hughes who is stepping down after over 20 years' service to the board.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed and was followed by a presentation by Dr. Mark Laidre "The coconut crab: behavioural ecology and conservation from Darwin to the present".

Helen Pitman
12 March 2019