

Northern Branch Annual Branch Meeting

16th June 2018 10.30 am Stockbridge Technology Centre

MINUTES

No	Item	Action
	Agenda Items	
	<p>Present: Diane Anderson, Ian Barnes, Sue Barnes, David Beardall, Hilary Dodson, Danny Elliott, Gary Ellwood, Natasha Gollan, Derek Hargeaves, Mike Hirst, Gareth Manning, Brendan Mowforth, Sarah Owen-Hughes, Graham Porter, Doug Stewart, Tony Thomspson, Patricia Wright, Graham Porter, Roger Bennett, Philip Airey.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies for absence:</p> <p>1.1. Roger Burnett, Andrew Jackson, Sue Wood, Maurice Baren, David Mitchell, Colin Hindmarsh, William White, William Lloyd, Martin Fish, Ed Bird, Alan Simson, Liz Simson, Peter Helmsley, David Barker, David Richardson, Peter Richardson.</p>	
2	<p>Northern Branch Commendation</p> <p>2.1 Philip Airey The commendation for his outstanding contribution to horticulture in the North of England was presented by Graham Porter the Chair of the Northern Branch of the Chartered Institute of Horticulture.</p> <p>Philip accepted the Award with gratitude. Philip is the Assistant Manager at Horticap.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes from the 2017 Branch Annual Meeting</p> <p>3.1 Agreed</p>	
4	<p>Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda:</p> <p>4.1 No matters arising</p>	
5	<p>Chair's report:</p> <p>5.1 The Chair's report was circulated. Copies available upon request.</p>	
6	<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>6.1 The secretary had nothing to report.</p>	
7	<p>Council Representative's report:</p> <p>Verbal report given, highlighting the key areas of discussion during the period.</p> <p>There was a discussion relating to conference, the screening of speakers to ensure that papers are relevant, the choice of venue and the low number of members attending as a % of all members.</p> <p>GM Agreed to feedback the findings of the discussion.</p>	

	<p>There was a discussion about Branch Funding, and the expectation that members of the Branch should be able to claim travel expenses.</p> <p>DS to action.</p>																																									
8	Treasurers report:																																									
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9	YHoY report:																																									
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11	Any Other Business:																																									
11.1	The meeting was followed by lunch and a conducted tour of the Stockbridge Technology Centre, along with a review of their current research projects.																																									
11.2	It was suggested that the 2019 AGM should include a mini conference with several 10-15 minute presentations on relevant areas of research/professional interest.																																									
12	Date of next meeting: June 2019. Date and location TBC.																																									