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88th Annual General Meeting

Supporting notes to the meeting agenda



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**88th Annual General Meeting
19.30 hrs, Wednesday 26 August 2020
To be hosted online –hyperlinks will be published in August**

A G E N D A

1. **Opening remarks**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 12 May 2019**
4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
 - 4.1. **President - MOTION FROM NFYFC COUNCIL**

“That Mrs Charlotte Smith be thanked for her services to NFYFC and Mr Nigel Owens MBE be duly elected President from April 2020 – to next Annual General Meeting”

Proposer: Lestyn Owen (Carmarthenshire FYFC) Second: George Baxter (Cambridgeshire FYFC)
 - 4.2. **Deputy Presidents - MOTION FROM NFYFC COUNCIL**

“That the 2019 deputy presidents be thanked for their services to the federation over the past year and that the following be elected from April 2020 – to next Annual General Meeting”

Eastern Area	Teresa Pemberton
East Midlands Area	Bryan Lovegrove
Northern Area	Diane Coles
South East Area	Alethea Snelling
South West Area	Nigel Howe
Wales	Owen Elliott
West Midlands Area	David Fellows

Proposer: Ruth Cooper (Cumbria FYFC) Second: Steph Watkins (Gloucestershire FYFC)
5. **MOTION FROM THE BRECKNOCK FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS**

“That Clauses 6(b) (1), (2) and (3) of the current NFYFC Constitution be deleted and replaced with the following”:

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6 (b) (3) From 1 September 2020, and thereafter annually, this subscription shall be apportioned amongst the Open Clubs by multiplying such subscription by the number of members declared by the Open Clubs in their Return of Membership as at 31st August in that year.

Proposer: Rebecca Prothero (Brecknock FYFC) Second: Amy Powell (Radnorshire FYFC)

6. **PRESENTATION OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS**

Presented by: Delme Harries, Chair of NFYFC Board of Management

7. **MOTION FROM NFYFC COUNCIL**

“That the audited accounts for 2019 as printed be adopted and that a firm of auditors, Crowe U.K. LLP be appointed for 2020”

Proposer: Grace Millbank (Northamptonshire FYFC)

Secunder: Jess Powell (Shropshire FYFC)

8. **ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT**

8.1. ***“That the Annual Report for 2019 be adopted”***

Proposer: Katie Hall (Chair, NFYFC Council 2019)

Secunder: Rachel Goldie (Vice Chair,
NFYFC Council 2019)

9. **Vote of thanks**

9.1. Proposer: Ed Dungait (Vice Chair, NFYFC Council 2020)

10. **Close**

Notes

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. *The latest time for closure is 12.30pm. No new business will be accepted after 12 noon.*
2. *Proposers and Seconders of Motions (other than Presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts) and those speaking to Motions are reminded that the following time limits are laid down and will be adhered to:*
 - 2.1. *Proposers – not to exceed 4 minutes.*
 - 2.2. *Seconders – not to exceed 2 minutes*

EXTRACT FROM THE STANDING ORDERS OF NFYFC GENERAL MEETING

- 2.3. *Motions shall be sent to the Executive Council by the date advised by that Council and must be moved by a **Young Farmers’ Club**, or a **County Federation of Young Farmers’ Clubs** or the **Executive Council of the National Federation**. Only those three sectors of the organisation may put forward a Motion and, where a Club sends forward such a Motion, the Club is responsible for finding another Club or a County Federation to act as seconder*
 - 2.4. *Any member may move, with debate, that the question be now put and, if the Motion be seconded and carried by a majority, the Motion or amendment before the meeting shall, after the Move of the Motion has been offered the right to reply, be at once put*
 - 2.5. *On the General Business of the meeting, the members shall vote by show of hands and Chairman shall declare the result. If a division is challenged, the Tellers shall count the delegates.*
 3. **SIDNEY FAWCETT TROPHY**
 - 3.1. *This trophy is awarded to the YFC member (member defined as a member aged 10 to 26 yrs of age) making the greatest contribution to the democratic proceedings of the NFYFC Annual General Meeting. It should be noted that this trophy is not awarded in the same way as a Public Speaking Competition – it is awarded to the member that makes a significant or memorable contribution to the AGM meeting. This could simply be two of three words of humour at just the right moment, or a contribution that significantly turns around a debate. Therefore, the timing stated in the Standing Orders of the AGM (above) are not used to bring a penalty for those that speak for just a few seconds or those that may speak for longer than stated above. In exceptional circumstances (for example, all speakers being 26 years of age or over) overage members or speakers from the top table will be considered as recipients for the trophy.*
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Notes to the Annual General Meeting agenda

AGENDA ITEM 3 To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 12 May 2019.

The full Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting can be found on the NFYFC Website at <http://nfyfc.org.uk/Login/minutes>

AGENDA ITEM 4.1 MOTION FROM COUNCIL – Election of President

“That Mrs Charlotte Smith be thanked for her services to NFYFC and Mr Nigel Owens MBE be duly elected President from August 2020 – to next Annual General Meeting”

NIGEL OWENS MBE

Nigel Owens, MBE is a former member of Llanarthne YFC, and held the offices of club Secretary and Chair. He is also a previous president of the Wales Federation of Young Farmers’ Clubs.

Nigel is an international rugby union referee – and is the current world record holder for most test matches refereed. He is also a TV presenter, hosting shows on S4C (Welsh language TV channel).

In the 2016 Birthday Honours, Nigel was appointed a Member of the Order of British Empire (MBE) for services to sport and is a fellow of Cardiff University.

Nigel was brought up and lives in Carmarthenshire and is a welsh language speaker. Before becoming a professional rugby union referee his career included working on a farm and a youth worker. Recently he is rekindled his farming career and farms near Llanelli.

AGENDA ITEM 4.2 MOTION FROM COUNCIL – Election of Deputy Presidents

“That the 2019 deputy presidents be thanked for their services to the federation over the past year and that the following be elected from August 2020 – to the next Annual General Meeting”

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East Midlands Area	Bryan Lovegrove	Wales	Owen Elliott
Northern Area	Diane Coles	West Midlands Area	David Fellows
South East Area	Alethea Snelling		

Eastern Area – TERESA PEMBERTON

Teresa started her life in Maldon YFC at the age of 14. Her personal highlights were Tug of war, stock judging competing at the Smithfield Show and has many ball dresses were made.

Teresa started work milking cows at home then after Writtle College worked in the grain trade, she then became an NFU Group Secretary for South Essex & Wickford. At about this time she started her family Tom, Jess and Meg following. She then moved to Suffolk and built up her own farm. Work now mainly involves Estate Management in Suffolk. YFC then resurfaced in her life in the form of Junior Members, with Tom joining at the age of 10, this gave her the perfect excuse to become involved again.

Three years ago, Teresa was asked to be President of Suffolk YFC she was very honoured but also surprised as essentially, she is an Essex girl! Now she is Eastern Area’s President.

East Midlands Area – BRYAN LOVEGROVE

Bryan was relatively late at joining YFC as it was after attending agricultural college, and a year spent working in Canada on a pig farm and dairy farm. On joining YFC, he could not believe how fantastic the organisation was and the friends made in those first few weeks and months are still friends today. Bryan is one of six children and worked on his parents arable farm and contracting business with no thought of anything but farming, however by a strange set of circumstances he applied and got the job of County Organiser for Leicestershire & Rutland YFC in 1986. In 1990 he moved to work at the National YFC Office as deputy CEO and stayed for what was a fantastic eight years.

After working at NFYFC he took up the position of Secretary General for the International Agricultural Exchange Association (IAEA) through to 2015, also serving as County President for Leicestershire YFC for four years. Bryan still sits on the Leicestershire YFC management committee. He met his lovely wife Rachel, through YFC, and he is a proud father to three grown up children. He is lucky to live in rural Leicestershire at the farm where Rachel grew up and run a livery business alongside his professional career of managing the business of trade and membership organisations including the Animal Health Distributors Association (AHDA) which looks at the policy and regulations in the veterinary medicine world. Bryan is thoroughly looking forward to his role as East Midland Area President and NFYFC Deputy President and says, "It is an absolute honour".

Northern Area – DIANE COLES

Diane joined Durham City Young Farmer's Club in 1971 and she has been a lifelong supporter of the Club and County Durham Federation.

At Club level she has held the posts of Club Secretary and Club Treasurer before sitting on County Finance Committee becoming F and O Chairman and later the County Chairman. She took part in a wide range of competitions from public speaking and stock judging to cookery and craft.

After a brief retirement from the County Executive Committee she was asked to become County Treasurer, a position she has held for 25 years. On stepping down from the position she became County President until 2018. She has also been Northern Area President and is now an Area Trustee.

South East Area - ALETHEA SNELLING

Alethea started her YFC career with Newbury Junior YFC (Berkshire) in 1981, Alethea is extremely proud to continue being part of Newbury YFC, as their President. Alethea is also currently South East Area President.

Giving as much time as possible to YFC at Club, County, Area and National levels, Alethea very much enjoys her involvement as a trustee of the Lord Sieff Fund in Berkshire, which was set up in 1968 to be available for grants and loans for individual members, Clubs or the County Federation for specific projects of an educational or personal development nature.

Witnessing the enjoyment and achievements of the current membership, is as rewarding as it was being a competitive YFC member.

South West Area - NIGEL HOWE

Nigel started his YFC career at Wellington YFC Somerset (which is now Wellington and Taunton YFC). He started as Sports Secretary, then became chairman. "Twice". He is still on the Advisory. He held County roles at Somerset. In the last few years, he had been one of Somerset's field officers (5 clubs around Exmoor), Also helping on numerous country rally's. Kelly his daughter was also a member of Wellington and Taunton YFC and was Secretary and Treasurer.

He was invited to become Somerset's Rep on South West Area thus becoming one of the 5 vice presidents, then on to his first year as south west area president. He has supported area and national in any way that he can. The main ones being backstage at the panto, entertainments, drama and TOW. The TOW was in support of his son Adam, who joined Culm Valley YFC, where he became chairman. Their family farm is on the Devon and Somerset boarder, which is how Nigel's connection to Devon YFC started in a small way. He has been Chair of the advisory and supported when possible, but TOW was the biggest part.

Professionally Nigel and his family run a free-range laying hen farm and also have a poultry house cleaning and haulage company.

YFC will, like the world have great challenges and we must all work together to find the new normal.

Wales – OWEN ELLIOTT

Owen is delighted to serve as a Deputy President for NFYFC. Owen joined Three Crosses YFC aged 15 and enjoyed much success in the fields of stock judging and senior debating. He held the roles of Competitions Chairman and was elected County Chairman of Glamorgan in 1976 – 77. He represented his county as National Council Member from 1975 – 1977.

Owen is still heavily involved in the YFC movement. He is a Life Vice-President of Gower YFC; Life Vice President of Glamorgan FYFC and a Wales YFC honorary Vice President He trains stock judges and public speakers locally when needed and enjoys adjudicating when asked. His greatest pleasure has been in coaching and judging junior public speakers. "The joy of watching young adults blossom into very competent communicators for rural communities is one of the major strengths of the YFC movement"

West Midlands Area – DAVID FELLOWS

As West Midlands Area President and National Deputy President David has been lucky enough to spend time with so many past and present Young Farmers, the YFC Staff and the many willing supporters.

David's own story is like so many others in the YFC family, no matter your age or where you live. A Worcester YFC member when 12, attending many YFC events with his father John, who joined the same club in 1947. Stock judging at club, county and national levels, he took part in many other competitions for Worcester YFC, becoming Treasurer and Chairman. He was lucky enough to go on a trip to Iran with NFYFC and take part in many Club Exchanges.

Both David and Sue have sat on Club and County Committees, David loves attending NFYFC Council weekends. . David says, "The Members today just need to be proper Young Farmers, having fun, learning skills to benefit themselves and others, with a real sense of achievement when they reflect back on their YFC life".

AGENDA ITEM 5 MOTION FROM THE BRECKNOCK FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

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Subscriptions 2020

1. Summary

- 1.1. The NFYFC Board is very aware of the financial downturn and the ability to raise funds in the usual way has been lost, for these reasons the **Board is supporting the Motion from the Brecknock FYFC the Board** – for the whole YFC community, including the NFYFC, to share the burden of lost revenue.
- 1.2. Moving to a fixed sum per member as the subscription model is very easy to understand and to calculate for YFC clubs and county federations. The sum can be adjusted by the NFYFC Annual General Meeting.
- 1.3. The difference in subscription income 2020 will be £10,700 less than 2019.

2. How the system works now

- 2.1. The amount of money due to NFYFC from Clubs is known as the **Base Subscription** (Levy). The figure as last billed in Sept 2019 is £488,080 (accounting for the 20% increase that was adopted at the 2019 AGM). [The previous figure was £406,733 as agreed at the 2018 AGM where an increase of 10% was approved by that meeting].
- 2.2. This Base Subscription (Levy) can only be varied by a percentage change agreed at an Annual General Meeting of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs.
- 2.3. When the membership figures are received (31st August each year), the Base Subscription (Levy) is divided by the number of members of 'Open' YFC clubs (members are those aged 10 to 26 years on 31st August).
- 2.4. Detailed information on the current system can be found at <http://nfyfc.org.uk/Login/minutes>

3. Direction of travel, agreed by the NFYFC AGM in May 2019

- 3.1. The amendment to the 2019 subscription, proposed by the Yorkshire Federation of YFCs was approved by the AGM in May 2019. This motion set the path for subscriptions for five years (2019 to 2023). It said that a 20% increase would be applied to the NFYFC subscription in 2019, again in 2020 and again in 2021 and then the increase would be retail price index for 2022 and 2023.
- 3.2. Following this plan, for 2020, 2021 and 2022 subscription income to the NFYFC was budgeted as follows:

Subscription income to the NFYFC	
Base Subscription (Gross Subs) 01 Sept 2018	£406,734
20% increase applied by NFYFC AGM May 2019 (Yorks Amendment)	£81,347
New Base subscription (Gross Subs) 01 Sept 2019	£488,080
20% increase applied by NFYFC AGM May 2020 (Yorks Amendment)	£97,616
New Base subscription (Gross Subs) 01 Sept 2020	£585,696
20% increase applied by NFYFC AGM May 2021 (Yorks Amendment)	£117,139
New Base subscription (Gross Subs) 01 Sept 2021	£702,835

- 3.3. Based on a static (20,354 in 2019), or slowly increasing membership number, the subscription per member accounting for the figures in the table above was predicted to be:
- 3.3.1. September 2020 £28.78 an increase of £4.80
- 3.3.2. September 2021 £34.53

4. Effects of coronavirus – stalled membership recruitment

- 4.1. During 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic membership has stalled at 18,500 members.
- 4.2. This change makes subscription per member for September 2020 equates **£31.66** per member - £585,696 divided by 18,500. An increase on the previous year of **£7.68** per member – the fall in membership has an effect of increasing the subscription by **£2.88** per member.
- 4.3. The table below shows the subscription predictions based on **pre coronavirus** membership numbers with **post coronavirus** and the already agreed increases to subscription.

	Subscription per member						Variance on previous year	Difference due to fall in
	# members 2018	# members 2019	# members 2020	# members 2020	# members 2021	# members 2021		
Number of members	22,698	20,354	20,354	18,500	20,354	18,500		
Base Subscription (Gross Subs) 01 Sept 2018	£17.92							
New Base subscription (Gross Subs) 01 Sept 2019		£23.98					£6.06	
New Base subscription (Gross Subs) 01 Sept 2020			£28.78	£31.66			£4.80	£2.88
New Base subscription (Gross Subs) 01 Sept 2021					£34.53	£37.99	£5.76	£3.46

5. Motion to the AGM from the Brecknock FYFC, seconded by the Radnor FYFC

- 5.1. There is a motion from Brecknock FYFC, seconded by the Radnor FYFC that is designed to two things:
- 5.1.1. Change the method of calculation, to a system that simply sets the subscriptions per member as a sum of money.
- 5.1.2. Set the subscription at **£25.80** per member for the bills to be issued in Sept 2020.
- 5.1.3. This motion was first submitted by the Brecknock FYFC and supported by the Radnorshire FYFC in early/mid-February 2020 before the enormity of the Covid pandemic were known and before serious news of a UK lockdown were mentioned.
- 5.1.4. The spirit of the motion and its intentions were that the subscription per member should increase for 2020 in a managed way. The motion recognises that the NFYFC does require subscription income to operate and to provide services to the YFC community.
- 5.1.5. The impact of Covid means that the number of YFC members in 2020 is smaller than predicted, and effects of this motion are important now to manage the subscription fees for YFC members as we move into the new membership year. This motion means the subscription income to the NFYFC will be reduced by approx. £10,800 in 2020 compared with 2019 (see table below).

5.1.6. Effects to the NFYFC income are:

Income to NFYFC	
Base Subscription (Gross Subs) 01 Sept 2018	406,733.50
New Base subscription (Gross Subs) 01 Sept 2019	488,080.20
20% increase applied by NFYFC AGM May 2020 (Yorks Amendment) applied Sept 2020	97,616.04
New Base subscription (Gross Subs) 01 Sept 2020	585,696.24
Subscription income based on B&R Motion current Membership [18,500]	477,300.00
Variance Sept 2019 actual vs B&R motion Sept 2020	-10,780.20

AGENDA ITEM 6. PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS

Summary of accounts are published on the next page. A full copy of the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2019 can be found on the NFYFC website <http://nfyfc.org.uk/Login/minutes>

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
Income from:				
Donations, sponsorship and legacies	101,334	134,236	235,570	192,453
Charitable activities:				
Membership levy	396,698	-	396,698	351,443
Membership convention	-	-	-	421,172
Investments:				
Gift aid donation from subsidiary	52,000	-	52,000	35,000
Other investment income	39,335	19,549	58,884	57,101
Other income	61,651	-	61,651	56,715
Total income	651,018	153,785	804,803	1,113,884
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities:				
Direct programme expenditure				
Membership convention	-	-	-	218,762
Club supplies	19,469	-	19,469	17,613
Youthwork and training	131,263	27,178	158,441	150,890
Travel	22,389	3,459	25,848	23,509
Competitions	37,014	44,352	81,366	81,861
Youth Social Action	-	-	-	12,506
Agriculture and rural issues	50,382	20,930	71,312	99,183
Rural Youth Europe Rally 2019	3,182	31,307	34,489	-
Sub total	263,699	127,226	390,925	604,324
Other expenditure				
Central	118,058	9,386	127,444	112,034
Management	29,208	-	29,208	55,927
Governance	89,601	-	89,601	72,717
Fundraising and marketing	151,827	-	151,827	181,934
Information technology	53,986	-	53,986	41,969
Sub total	442,680	9,386	452,066	464,581
Total expenditure	706,379	136,612	842,991	1,068,905
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	(55,361)	17,173	(38,188)	44,979
Net gains/(losses) on investments	220,437	109,553	329,990	(158,070)
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	165,076	126,726	291,802	(113,091)
Transfers between funds	(52,465)	52,465	-	-
Net movement in funds	112,611	179,191	291,802	(113,091)
Total funds brought forward	1,610,625	988,335	2,598,960	2,712,051
Total funds carried forward	1,723,236	1,167,526	2,890,762	2,598,960

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019
FINAL AUDITED ACCOUNTS

	2019	2018
Fixed assets	£	£
Intangible assets	4,047	4,524
Tangible assets	5,686	8,427
Investments	2,990,105	2,711,755
	<u>2,999,838</u>	<u>2,724,706</u>
 Current assets		
Stocks	2,210	6,333
Debtors	74,693	32,149
Cash at bank & in hand	364,480	390,108
	<u>441,383</u>	<u>428,590</u>
 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	 <u>(472,982)</u>	 <u>(410,336)</u>
 Net current (liabilities)/assets	 <u>(31,599)</u>	 <u>18,254</u>
 Total assets fewer current liabilities	 2,968,239	 2,742,960
 Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year	 <u>(77,477)</u>	 <u>(144,000)</u>
 Net assets	 <u>2,890,762</u>	 <u>2,598,960</u>
 Charity funds		
Restricted funds	1,167,526	988,335
Unrestricted funds	1,723,236	1,610,625
	<u>1,723,236</u>	<u>1,610,625</u>
 Total funds	 <u>2,890,762</u>	 <u>2,598,960</u>

The information in these pages is a summary of the Federation's Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Copies of the full Financial Statements can be obtained from the Federation's Headquarters at the YFC Centre, 10th Street, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – MOTION FROM NFYFC COUNCIL

“That the audited accounts for 2019 as printed be adopted and that a firm of auditors, Crowe U.K.LLP be appointed for 2020.”

The formal adoption of the Annual Accounts for the year-ending 31 December 2019. A full copy of the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2019 can be found on the NFYFC website

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AGENDA ITEM 8 – ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

8.1 “That the Annual Report for 2019 be adopted”

The formal adoption of the 2019 Annual Report. A copy of the 2019 Annual Report can be found on the

NFYFC website <http://nfyfc.org.uk/Login/minutes>



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