

# Dissolution of the Scottish Geodiversity Forum Report to Special General Meeting 25 June 2020



## ***Introduction***

The Scottish Geodiversity Forum was launched in 2011, to promote Scotland's geodiversity, widen the profile of geodiversity and influence national and local policies. The Forum published and promoted Scotland's Geodiversity Charter, which now has the support of 96 signatory organisations.

From 2011 to 2020 the Forum brought people and organisations together in the promotion of Scotland's geodiversity and the sharing of experience and good practice, as the national body for geoconservation groups, geoparks and other related organisations. The Forum promoted the role and value of geodiversity in education, community involvement and health, the development of tourism and the wider economy. We organised conferences and events, and ground-breaking projects such as the 51 Best Places to see Scotland's Geology and the Hugh Miller Writing Competition. We also revamped and maintained the [scottishgeology.com](http://scottishgeology.com) website.

Annual General Meetings on 10 March 2018 and 3 March 2019 agreed that the Forum was unsustainable as an entirely voluntary organisation, and discussions in the wider geological community have led to the development of the **Scottish Geology Trust**, established as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on 26 November 2019.

Key stakeholders in Scotland's Geodiversity Charter have agreed to form the **Strategic Geodiversity Committee for Scotland** to take forward work on the Charter. This will be an independent committee, with representation from Scottish Natural Heritage, the British Geological Survey and other Charter signatories. It will have a close working relationship with the Scottish Geology Trust.

This Special General Meeting proposes to dissolve the Scottish Geodiversity Forum. I would ask you to support the formal motion below, which requires the agreement of two thirds of those Members present to pass. I would also strongly urge you to support the Scottish Geology Trust, by becoming a member and joining the Trust's activities. I believe the Trust is a very positive development for the promotion of Scotland's geodiversity, which will build and expand on the legacy of the Forum.

*Angus Miller Chair, Scottish Geodiversity Forum 22/06/2020*

## ***Motion to dissolve the Scottish Geodiversity Forum***

In accordance with Clause 10 of the Forum's Constitution (adopted 19 March 2011), this meeting resolves to:

1. Dissolve the Scottish Geodiversity Forum.
2. Agrees that there are no unspent funds that need to be returned to the organisations from which they were received.
3. Agrees to transfer remaining funds as follows:
  - £1089.91 held in general funds, to the Scottish Geology Trust.
  - £689.99 held for the Hugh Miller Writing Competition, to the HMWC organising group chaired by Lara Reid.
  - £673.41 held for work on Scotland's Geodiversity Charter, to the Strategic Geodiversity Committee for Scotland.

## Accounts

I, as treasurer of the Scottish Geodiversity Forum, present these accounts below as an accurate representation of transactions between 1 January 2019 and 19 June 2020, including the balances at the beginning and the end.

**Hugh Lockhart** Treasurer, Scottish Geodiversity Forum 19/06/2020

<b>Opening Balance 31/12/18</b>		<b>3,192.63</b>
Funds at 31/12/18	General	1300.21
	Hugh Miller Writing Competition	790.45
	Charter	1,101.97
<b>Income 2019-2020</b>		
General	SNH: Facilitation of the Scottish Geodiversity Forum	1,200.00
	Geopoetics Conference grant, Edinburgh Geological Society	150.00
	Donations	63.06
	Contributions to Scottish Geology Trust meetings & startup costs from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Highland Geological Societies	800.00
HMWC	Conversations in Stone book: sales income and grants from Friends of Hugh Miller, the Tannahill Fund, and the Edinburgh Geological Society	2,360.80
	HMWC 2019-20 – grant from Middleton Trust	440.00
Charter	SNH: Facilitation of Scotland's Geodiversity Charter	1,200.00
	Event income	125.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>6,338.86</b>
<b>Expenditure 2019-2020</b>		
General	Website / Zoom	261.88
	Membership of Scottish Environment LINK	150.00
	Geopoetics Conference	300.00
	Event & meeting costs	401.75
	Scottish Geology Trust meetings & startup costs	1,309.73
HMWC	Conversations in Stone book	2,514.82
	HMWC 2019-20	386.44
Charter	Printing and case study preparation	1,429.56
	Event expenditure	324.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>7078.18</b>
<b>Closing Balance 19/06/2020</b>		<b>2,453.31</b>
Funds at 19/06/20	General	1,089.91
	Hugh Miller Writing Competition	689.99
	Charter	673.41