



Minutes
CCF COUNCIL MEETING
1 PM, 09 June 2009
Fauna & Flora International, Jupiter House, Station Road

1. **Present:** Pamela Abbott, Chair; Pete Carey, Deputy Chair; Valerie Kapos, Secretary; Toby Gardner, Treasurer; Roz Almond, UNEP-WCMC; Nigel Cooper, Diocese of Ely; Rosie Trevelyan, TBA; Bill Sutherland, Zoology Dept.; Rob Harris, FFI; Wenceslas Gatarabirwa, ARCOS; Thang Long, Wildlife Research Group; Shaenandhoa Garcia-Rangel, WRG; Natalia Ceballos-Mago, WRG; Hannah Trayford, WRG
2. **Apologies:** Martin Kaonga, A Rocha; Richard Phillips, BAS; Bill Adams, Geography Dept; Louise Bacon, Cambridge Bird Club; Guy Norton, Anglia Ruskin; David Chivers, Wildlife Research Group; Rachel Austin, FFI
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** Approved
4. **Matters arising:** Reference to drafting of potential constitutional changes relating to clarifying membership and roles, on which no progress had been made, prompted a discussion of how best to clarify and reinvigorate the network and roles of member organisations' nodes. **It was agreed that it makes sense to rename the nodes representatives and that they would receive targeted invitations to the next council meeting highlighting real issues for debate that would benefit from their input.**
5. **2010 symposium** Plans for the 2010 Annual Symposium are well advanced. It will be held 8th January at Murray Edwards College. The programme is nearly full. To facilitate planning and reduce stress on the day, it was agreed that a date in early December would be set, before which early registration would be £35 with an additional £5 charged for registrations after that date. There will be no registration on the door.
6. **Summer excursion** The council agreed a strong vote of thanks to Tony Martin and Gilly Banks for hosting the very successful summer excursion to their reserve.
7. **Report-back from CCI seminar** – The seminar with CCI executive director and Mike Rands had been a good opportunity for fruitful discussion and had helped to clarify the roles of CCI and CCF. One idea raised in that meeting was the possibility of establishing and maintaining a directory of expertise across CCF as a resource for both internal and external use. There was discussion of options for establishing such a resource including wiki and social networking formats, but there were serious concerns about the difficulties of keeping such a resource up to date. It was agreed to leave the idea as a potential good one for the future, but not to advance it at present
8. **Other CCF events/activities** numerous CCF seminars will be arranged in the coming months. Preliminary discussions on a summer social event for 2010 suggested that going South or west of Cambridge would be appropriate. One suggestion was a visit to the Great Fen project. **Follow up discussions to be held at next Council meeting** on this and other possibilities for CCF social events

Possible Climate Change Adaptation Symposium: There was general enthusiasm for a themed symposium on climate change adaptation as it relates to conservation to be held in summer 2010. Sarah Moon agreed to investigate interest further the interest among CCI partners and potential suggestions for speakers. It was agreed that modest outside support

for the Symposium would be needed and LWEC was raised as a possible source.

Committee members agreed to explore this via the CCI discussions with LWEC.

Possible workshops on valuing ecosystem services – Nigel Cooper (Diocese and Anglia Ruskin) proposed to set up one or more workshops or conversations on valuing ecosystem services aimed principally at students and post-docs and asked that CCF provide support for light refreshments for support. **Council agreed, pending written concept from Nigel.** *Nigel subsequently withdrew the request due to the occurrence of several other related events and the interest in CCF support extending beyond university participants*

9. **Financial Report:** CCF has successfully opened a community account with the Coop (signatures from 2 officers required for transactions) and is awaiting transfer of about £3,500 from Anglia account.
10. **AOB:** Pamela reported on the possibility of Natural England providing CCF with access to a teleconferencing facility
11. **Next Meeting: 1 PM 17th November 2009 at Natural England**