



## Kent Ornithological Society - Executive Committee

7.30pm, 3 September 2025

Present: Andre Farrar, Chris Roome, Murray Orchard, Peter Eerdmans, Mike Henty, Keith Privett

Apologies: Robin Mace, Barry Wright, Gary Howard

### 1. Key Matters for decision or discussion

1. Martin Collins resignation from Exec
  - i. Martin no longer wants the formal responsibilities of a Trustee. But he will very much stay involved, specifically via the engagement committee.
  - ii. Martin was earmarked to take over some of Robin's tasks. Robin has sent a job spec for archivist role. The ideal would be to find a lady who can fulfil this role. Although we would also love to have a lady join in a general role, i.e. find two people.
  - iii. **Action: everyone to have a think on MC replacement. CR to look through the full membership list for potential names**
2. Birds of Kent update
  - i. Chris Dee was apologetic about the delays. He has now committed to end of September for the website upgrade and the end of October for BoK
  - ii. Chris Dee will copy in some basic content, eg the atlas information, but then there will be still a lot of work for us to get content to a reasonable stage.
  - iii. Once we are at a reasonable stage we can create a marketing plan.
3. Migration Day on 28 September
  - i. Meeting on this was held yesterday. All on track.
  - ii. Key is to have good attendance from KOS exec members as well as others. Do advertise with friends and others so we have people who spot birds.
  - iii. **Action: CR to contact Paul Trodd to see if he wants to do a walk at Dungeness, and maybe Martin Casemore to man a station, eg at the seawatch hide?**

### 2. Updates

1. Membership CR
  - i. Membership up to 770, steady modest growth
  - ii. For the future: we should get better record of family members, partly so we can show bigger membership
2. Treasurer's update GH
  - i. KBR invoices being paid, £2000 cheaper than last year thanks to new printer (lighter paper, better postage deal)
  - ii. We still haven't received the £300 for the Nightingale data. We are chasing regularly.
3. Editorial and Records Committee BW

