



Highland Cattle Society

Voting Paper

For the election of Members to Council 2019

The members of the society listed below have been nominated to fill the four vacancies falling due at the AGM and being eligible to offer themselves for election. Members must ensure they vote for no more than **FOUR CANDIDATES** or they will render their voting paper invalid.

Write clearly an **X** next to the names of the candidates you prefer. The voting paper will only be valid if it is signed by the member.

NO voting slip will be accepted unless voting member has paid membership subscription for 2018 /2019

Candidate	Proposer & Seconder	Voting Column
Hilary Barker, Mid Torrie Farm, Callander, Stirling	David Keys Roy T W Abel	
Miss Ann Chinner, Tarland Lodge, Tarland, Aboyne, AB34 4TB	Veronica Thomson Hugh Saggars	
Graeme Easton, The Ranch, Letham, Angus, DD8 2PG	John Singer Donald MacNaughton	
Hugh Hoather, Oak House, Hassells Lane, Bridge Trafford, Chester. CH2 4GA	D Greenhaugh Andrew Parkin	
Mr Angus MacGillivray, Old Post Office, Dalmally, Argyll, PA33 1AA	Angus MacKay Hilary Barker	

Signature _____

Members Name _____ Fold Name: _____
(Please print)

Your voting paper must be received in the office of the Society at Stirling Agricultural Centre, Stirling, FK9 4RN by 12 Noon on Wednesday 30th January 2019

Any received after this date will not be accepted

Candidates for Election to Council 2019

Hilary Barker



I would be very pleased to offer my services to the Highland Cattle Society on Council – we live in interesting times as they say.

My main areas of interest are

1. Supporting breeders and members of the Society achieve success and satisfaction with their cattle, through the provision of more technical and practical information. There is much more to keeping Highlanders than aiming for the show ring. Important though this is, it is not for everyone.
2. Helping our breed strengthen its place commercially for now and the future – i.e. as a hardy hill breed well suited to extensive rough grazings, and as an ideal crossing partner with other breeds.
3. Helping the Society develop its influence in wider spheres such as agricultural and land use policies and strategies which could have a bearing on our breed. We have a voice and need to use it. For example, issues of prime concern include the ongoing closure of small abattoirs across the UK. This is affecting not only many Highland Cattle breeders, but livestock farmers across the whole of the UK.
4. Exploring ways of collaborating with other native hill cattle breed societies to our possible mutual advantage.
5. Consideration of our breed's "green credentials" in the current debate on global warming and carbon/methane emissions from farmed livestock. As a breed society we need to be right up to date with the latest scientific research so that we can help counter erroneous information regularly fed to a confused public and consumers wanting to do the "right" thing.
6. Maintaining good dialogue with immediate fellow breeders in the rest of Europe, as well as further afield.

Now for a little bit about myself: As total "newbies" and with the help of more experienced friends, we cautiously started with two Highland steers about 33 years ago - all we could afford! Over the years, this enterprise grew to 35 breeding cows plus followers and finishers, while we sold Highland beef through farmers' markets etc. We grazed cattle on all sorts of rented pasture from poorer hill ground to better lowland which was extremely educational and sometimes very challenging! I now just keep around 8 cows plus followers on the home farm and although no longer marketing Highland beef, am very interested in seeing this aspect supported.

President of the Highland Cattle Society from 1991, professional background in environmental conservation, now using my farm and cattle for farm educational tourism, also a professional artist specialising in – Highland Cattle of course.

Ann Chinner



I have kept a fold of Highlanders (the Apethorpe fold) both in Northamptonshire and, since 2015, in Dinnet, Aberdeenshire. My career background is mainly Civil Service where I have held posts in England, Wales and Scotland, and have also worked in the private and charitable sectors. Membership of the North of Scotland Highland Cattle Club has given me invaluable insights into the many issues we face as breeders and has increased my own knowledge considerably. I have a particular interest in issues of marketing and commerciality surrounding our iconic breed and its unique, high quality beef product.

Graeme Easton



From our home in Angus I have a small fold of highland cattle which I started in 2015. As a professional stockman I have worked with many breeds but highlanders captured my heart and following the dispersal of the idves fold which I managed for many years, I then started my own. Since 2015 I have enjoyed many successes showing with the highlight of bringing out the 2017 RHS breed champion. On a day to day basis I manage our own herd of Limousin and Aberdeen Angus Cattle as well as bringing out and producing cattle and bulls for shows and sales for various clients. My professional knowledge, experience, connections within other breeds and societies will only enhance my presence in council. I am current chairman of the east of Scotland Highland cattle club. I look forward to having the opportunity to contribute to the success of the council and would hope to be an asset to the breed society.

Hugh Hoather



I have been a member of the Society for 23 years and on the judging panel for over 10 years. My small fold is in Cheshire. I believe in the Society because it plays an important role in the community and over the years I have done all I can to promote its values and work on its behalf.

If elected to Council my priorities will be on improving the Society's financial position, ensuring the long-term strategic plan is kept in focus and that all decision making is based on the principles of sound corporate governance, including those of accountability and transparency.

Financial stability with adequate reserves for the future is the cornerstone of a prosperous Society and I will work to make further incremental improvements in the way the organisation controls and manages its finances. Further, I will help the Society fulfil its various legal obligations as a charity.

One of the things that separates an organisation that succeeds from one that fails is being able to analyse and develop a strategy for success. The Society has a ten-year plan but every year it needs to be reviewed and amended because, it is only by keeping it up to date that it remains valid and meaningful. Better decisions are taken when they are made under an agreed strategic framework and here too, I will work to continue to make a contribution to the success of the breed.

Angus E MacGillivray



Having just finished a term on Council, I still believe that there is a lot of work which I have been leading or contributing to which I would like to see finished and set up. This will leave the Society on a stronger footing.

My previous years on Council were spent with Sian and Angus MacKay dealing with the backlog situation of the Herd Books. I have been instrumental in attracting Commercial cattle back to our Sales which I would like to see grow should I be elected again. Furthermore, I have pushed for the promotion of this wonderful breed to be higher up the Society's agenda.

Personally, I believe that the Society would benefit from being more focussed on the issues that matter and I think we, as a team, need to get back to basics with regard to ensuring we take care of this breed and our membership as well as promoting our unique breed farm wide.