

FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Community Centre
7.30pm on 26th September 2016



MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair), Gisela MacFarquhar, Gareth Whyment, Peter Graham, Dan Puplett, Susan Conti (minutes)</p> <p>Apologies: Eddie Tomkinson, Wils Metcalfe, Steve Hull</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 29th August 2016 Addition re ET's proposal that a store/lock-up be sought for FCWT's tools. It was agreed to discuss this at a later date. Minutes then proposed by PG, seconded by SC.</p> <p>Actions and Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting.</p> <p>2.2 Fisheries trust have funding for a talk. DP to contact them re availability for a FCWT committee meeting. DP</p> <p>GM has had no response from Carol Stuart, HT of Forres Academy re nestboxes. Will try again. Will need them for Jan/Feb. GM</p> <p>2.8a DW has sent a press release re SFW award to Gazette.</p> <p>4. Steward Nolands has sent two emails saying he has stored the barbed wire up a tree but needs help retrieving it.</p> <p>5.a. Mowing not yet done in Coffin Field. Andy Scott, TMC, has said flail broken and driver on holiday. DP advised still of benefit to cut it now so possibility of getting farmer to do it. DW</p> <p>5.b. Shelter repairs almost finished bar one sheet of plywood which GW will get. Recent damage to roof needs repaired. Problem of weekends litter raised. Will look at possibility of installing robust bin. GW</p> <p>5.c. Sanquhar Mains road repairs mean road is better than it was. GW to have a look. GW</p> <p>5.d. Signage map ready to go to printers. See ET as to how to fix maps in locations. ET</p> <p>8.c. Moray Council responded to WM to say no footfall counter available. Due to budget cuts, unlikely to be available in near future.</p>	
3	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a. Email from Caroline Inckle with photos of her artwork. She has given permission for us to use them. Perhaps put them on our website with a link to hers.</p> <p>b. Discovered this week that FCWT has accumulated £468.18 through Co-op Local Community Fund. Ends 18th March 2017 so too late to use for shortfall in signage costs. GM to send email to members asking them to select FCWT as their choice if they are also Co-op members. GM</p>	
4	<p>Muiry and New Forres</p> <p>a. Work Party. IS had reported on-going maintenance needed on paths; IS left message with Angus Dixon re spraying of grass verges in both woods; billygoat to be used on New Forres paths in October; heather regenerating in mulched areas.</p>	

	b. Thinning in parts of Muiry to be discussed once ET returns from holiday.	
5	<p>Sanquhar and Bike track</p> <p>a. Work Party. SH had sent a report to say September workparty had removed invasive alien conifers from part of the bike track area again. Noticed patches of rhododendron possibly not on contractor's list. Section of broken fencing along edge of Sitka plantation - barbed wire needs to be removed. Not possible to do it manually - need to get Billy McRitchie and mini-digger to do it. Will keep it on the agenda. Next workparty 15th October.</p> <p>b. Hut damage/repair and fence reinstatement - hut already discussed under 2.(5.b). GW very busy but will try to repair fence.</p> <p>c. Bike event - Sunday 2nd October. DW will visit event to sound out organisers re donation for future events. He reported barrier not locked as padlock seized up. Committee agreed to look into putting up signage on Mannachie Road - picture of a bike? DW had investigated ownership of Sanquhar Mains road. Is owned by Altyre Estate but FCWT has rights to use it so entitled to put up sign. Will ask ET to source angle iron posts.</p>	<p>GW</p> <p>DW</p>
6	Management Plan. Any Trustee who has not yet given WM their comments, please do so.	
7	<p>Finance</p> <p>ET absent so no report.</p>	
8	<p>Other</p> <p>a. CWA Conference 2016. 65 delegates expected. DW giving a presentation in the morning on behalf of FCWT. Site visit in afternoon -route to begin and end at Sanquhar Dam car park. DP has drawn up a Risk Assessment and an Emergency Plan (which will be issued to participants). Conference - DW, SH, possibly DP, Stuart and Jane Johnston (ex FCWT Trustee) attending. Site visit - SH, DP, possibly GW, Stuart and Jane Johnston to be guides.</p> <p>b. Membership Drive. GM has drafted a new FCWT brochure. Looks good. It was agreed to get copies printed by a professional printer. We will need a membership form to go in brochures as an insert. DW to discuss with WM link to membership on FCWT website.</p> <p>c. AGM Preparations - 9th November 2016. Either SH or GW to stand down and be re-elected. DP, PG and SC - one also to stand down and be re-elected. DP offered to do so. GM to send out papers before the deadline of 19th October. GM to prepare Action List as to what needs to be done for the AGM. DW to investigate whether papers need to be hand-delivered. Bank details need to be added to membership forms.</p>	<p>DW/SH/ DP</p> <p>GM</p> <p>DW</p> <p>GM GM DW</p>
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>a. Signage Maps. DP to email WM re a missing apostrophe on signage map.</p> <p>b. Reference Maps. GW to see WM re maps to add references with gridlines, and compartments. Cartographer should be able to measure compartments on her software. GW to speak to David Hay,</p>	<p>DP</p> <p>GW</p>

	Forestry Commission.	
10	Date of Next Meeting – 31st October 2016	