

FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Community Centre
7.30pm on 28th November 2016



MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), Eddie Tomkinson (treasurer), Gareth Whyment, Peter Graham, Susan Conti, Steve Hull, Thomas Ireland</p> <p>Apologies: Dan Puplett, Wilson Metcalfe</p> <p>The chairman welcomed Thomas Ireland (TI) to the Board of Trustees.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 31st October 2016. Minutes proposed by PG, seconded by SC.</p> <p>Actions and Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting.</p> <p>2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DP has made a provisional arrangement with Bob Laughton from the Fisheries Trust to talk to the Board about invasive species at the February meeting. To be confirmed. • ET reported that the padlock has not yet been replaced. <p>3. GM has contacted Caroline Inckle and suggested that she go ahead with the application for funds for an art project (see below Item 3).</p> <p>5a. ET reported that John Young is still interested in maintaining and assessing the bike track. TI said that he is happy to co-operate with John Young.</p> <p>6. DW reported on behalf of WM that the management plan is now on the web-site and has been circulated to Trustees.</p> <p>9. GM has made an inventory of FCWT's tools and equipment.</p>	<p>DP</p> <p>ET</p>
3	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phone call with Caroline Inckle and email including application to Project Arts for art installation. Caroline Inckle said that she will take into consideration our concern about the risk of vandalism. Once the installation is set up she will advertise her talk on her web-site and Findhorn Bay Arts would do the same. We might be able to recoup at least some of our contribution by asking for donations and we could use the occasion to promote our own cause. b. Email from Debbie Heron (FACT) proposing a stand at the Co-op together with FACT and Forres in Bloom to encourage people to nominate their favourite cause. GM will get further details from Debbie Heron. c. Email from Megan Davies, a 6th year Academy pupil, asking for permission to collect pine needles for an experiment. She replied later saying that her project had been changed and she no longer required the pine needles. 	<p>GM</p>
4	<p>Muiry and New Forres</p> <p>DW reported that Angus Dixon had been working on improving the paths.</p>	

	ET reported that the work party had been using the brushcutter to clear paths and will be doing more of the same at the next work party.	ET
5	<p>Sanquhar and Bike track</p> <p>a. Work Party. SH reported that more grand firs, hemlock and sitka had been removed near the Woodend entrance. More of this will be done next time in the Woodside Park area. The shifting of the grass cuttings from the edge of the Coffin Field was ineffective. He said that Transition Town is interested in using the grass but haven't got the means to transport it. Also, a small holder near Alves has expressed an interest. DW said that a contractor will be asked to shift it further into the wood.</p> <p>SH said that the removal of the barbed wire will be carried out at a later date. He will need suitable wire cutters for the job.</p> <p>SH reported that he is in the process of setting up an action plan for Sanquhar Wood volunteer work.</p> <p>b. Hut damage/repair and fence re-instatement. GW reported that more material is needed to finish the roof repair of the shelter. He will take the measurements and will order the wood from KBM. GW also reported that the fence re-instatement is in hand.</p> <p>c. Paths' signs project. ET reported that the frame for the signs will be made taller than initially planned.</p>	SH DW SH SH GW
6	Forestry Plan. ET reported that David Hay from the Forestry Commission wishes to further discuss the requirements for fund application for the control of rhododendrons. He also wishes to inspect the recent re-planting of trees. ET will arrange dates for meetings.	ET
7	Website. In WM's absence PG reported that no messages had been received via the website.	
8	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. ET reported a total of £24,054.12 in the current account. This does not include subscriptions and donations received recently which would bring the total up to £24,087.00</p> <p>b. He reported that the invoice from R&R Urquhart has yet to be dealt with.</p>	ET
9	<p>Other.</p> <p>a. Membership Drive. SC reported that of 108 memberships last year 52 have been renewed so far. More will hopefully be received over the next few weeks.</p> <p>DW reported that the artwork for the brochure is now with the printer. High resolution photos would be preferable. He will ask WM if he has suitable material.</p> <p>b. Bird and squirrel boxes. GW presented an easy to construct bird box made from left over materials. PG will contact Mr Devlin who has offered to make them.</p> <p>c. Future Projects. DW reported that he had been discussing the possibility of up-grading some paths in Muiry and Newforres, partly for wheelchair use. He also suggested the installation of a bench at the Sanquhar lochan and a short path leading up to it. He will make</p>	DW PG DW

	inquiries into the costing and funding for this.	
10	<p>Any Other Business.</p> <p>a. Accounts. ET reported that the accounts had been sent to OSCR and Companies House.</p> <p>b. DW will register TI as a director at Companies House.</p> <p>c. SH suggested we should buy some loppers and bow saws for the work parties. GM and SH will make enquiries.</p> <p>d. GM will book the Blue Room at the Community Centre for next year's meetings. These will be on 28th January, 27th February, 27th March, 24th April, 29th May, 26th June, 28th August, 25th September, 30th October, and 27th November.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>GM, SH</p> <p>GM</p>
10	Date of Next Meeting – 28th January 2016	