

# FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Community Centre  
7.30pm on 27th MARCH 2017



## MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p><b>Present:</b> Donald Wright (Chair), Peter Graham, Eddie Tomkinson (Treasurer), Wils Metcalfe, Steve Hull, Tom Ireland, Susan Conti (minutes)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Gisela MacFarquhar, Gareth Whymant, Dan Puplett</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of 6th March 2017</b> Under 11, date of next meeting should read "27 March 2017". Under 10 c), change to "GM reported that the Co-op fundraising..." Minutes then proposed by ET, seconded by PG.</p> <p><b>Actions and Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting.</b></p> <p><b>2.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bob Laughton</b> offered to come to April meeting but Angus Dixon attending then. Will defer Bob.</li> <li>• <b>Padlock</b> - ET reported will replace it once concrete for frames in place.</li> <li>• <b>Materials for hut repair/stakes</b>- GW absent so situation unknown.</li> <li>• SH emailed scanned <b>map</b> earlier in month. Not up-to-date but does show forestry areas. Need some A3 size from original - will get copies printed at library.</li> <li>• <b>Whites</b> had responded to say they are looking into our request.</li> <li>• GM wrote to two <b>dog walking companies</b>. No response to date.</li> <li>• <b>Standing Order form</b> to be included as flysheet in brochure.</li> <li>• Meeting with Ian Chapman re <b>Picnic Tables</b> scheduled for 6th April.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Contribution</b> - GM replied to Wild Things! <b>6. Forestry Plan</b> - waiting on Angus Dixon. <b>10a. First Aid Training</b> - DP absent. WM mentioned a two day First Aid training course. WM to email contact for that and copy to DW. Jane Johnston has mentioned an interest in undertaking training.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>ET</p> <p>GW</p> <p>SH</p> <p>ET</p> <p>WM/DW</p>
3	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Documents received from The Moray Council re Moray Open Space Strategy and Moray Woodland and Forest Strategy. DW to contact TMC Planning Officers to establish what input they are looking for from the FCWT. Will discuss at our next meeting.</p> <p><b>b.</b> A member of the public spoke to WM to complain about Wild Things! not leaving the woods as they find them. Other people/organisations also create things in the woods so difficult to know who is responsible.</p>	<p>DW</p>

	<p>c. Letter from Woodland Trust asking for contribution to purchase forest in Kent. Agreed to decline. No correspondence from website.</p>	
4	<p><b>Muiry and New Forres</b>  <b>a. Work Party.</b> ET absent for this earlier in March. Will contact IS and report at next meeting.  <b>b.</b> No further progress on path upgrade.</p>	ET
5	<p><b>Sanquhar and Bike track</b>  <b>a. Work Party.</b> SH reported one work party of 7 volunteers. 19 of IS's trees were planted with wire around them. SH has watered them. IS has more trees but will plant only a couple more this year. Next work party 8th April.  <b>b. Bike Track</b> - TI reported track in good condition. Ongoing maintenance re growth. TI in contact with Clive from MTB Skills. There will be 2 days of training in May. Room to be booked in Comm. Centre. Need 3 people - TI and a fellow cyclist will undertake course - need one more - TI to ask GW if he's interested.  <b>c. Volunteer Action Plan</b> - SH has updated this and emailed it to members. Urgent action needed on Sitkas and Douglas Firs as they are colonising. Discussion re using contractor (more cost effective to use harvester to remove trees), or waiting till after thinning to use Billy McRitchie. Will discuss at next meeting with Angus and GW.  <b>d. Bird and Bat boxes</b> - Need to identify which boxes we require. Crested Tits like sawdust in box! Don't want too many Great Tits which are Bumble Bee predators. SH and PG to discuss.  <b>e. Bracken Control</b> - now Nick Molner's horse has died, we need to look at other methods. Could use harrow/Billy McRitchie? Needs to be carried out May/June when bracken is soft. Will keep it on the agenda.  <b>f.</b> SH has carried out a Bumble Bee survey.  <b>g. Signs Project</b> - AJ Engineering have made all posts, etc. Four signs will be put in situ on Wednesday.  <b>h. Walkers Are Welcome walk</b> - this Saturday, 2pm. 14 people booked. WM and DP have walked route. DW will try to have brochures ready.</p>	<p>TI/GW</p> <p>SH/PG</p> <p>DW</p>
	<p><b>Website</b>  Domain fee now paid so website working again!</p>	
7	<p><b>Finance</b>  Current bank balance £21,256.61 (before bank reconciliation). End of fiscal year so any unpaid bills to ET asap.</p>	
8	<p><b>Other</b>  <b>a.Red Squirrel Project</b> Only one squirrel has been taken. One more may be taken.  <b>b. Art Project</b> Caroline Inckle has organised four one hour walks. WM has put her in touch with Walkers Are Welcome.  <b>c. Brochure</b> Trifold with new map (from Helen Stirling). Single sheet insert with membership form and standing order on other side. Have deleted former questions regarding whether willing to help collect</p>	

