

FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Community Centre
7.30pm on 24th April 2017



MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), Peter Graham, Dan Puplett, Eddie Tomkinson (treasurer), Steve Hull, Susan Conti, Wilson Metcalfe, Gareth Whymant</p> <p>In Attendance: Angus Dixon</p> <p>Apologies: Tom Ireland</p>	
2.	<p>Review of Sanquhar Thinning Project – Angus Dixon</p> <p>The following issues were discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation required ahead of felling • Contractors, costing, value of timber • Health and Safety • Environmental issues • Access, possible damage to tracks/paths • Time scale – ca 2-3 weeks • Timing – late summer, early autumn <p>DW proposed that the contract should be awarded to James Jones, seconded by GW. The Board adopted the proposal unanimously.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of 27th March 2017 proposed by PG, seconded by WM.</p> <p>Actions and Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting.</p> <p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Laughton will now be invited to attend meeting in May. • Padlock still to be sorted • Materials for hut repair – GW will take measurements and contact KBM • SH still to get A3 copies of Sanquhar map. • Whites – DW reported that there has been no response to our query as yet. • Picnic Tables – ET will be in contact with Benromach management. • First Aid Training – DP has obtained information about 1-day courses run by Outfit Moray and Moray College in May, June and July. The Board felt that a 1-day course should be sufficient for our requirements. SH and ET will ask volunteers who wish to be trained. <p>3 The Moray Open Space Strategy and Moray Woodland and Forest Strategy – no action to be taken.</p> <p>5b Bike Track Training Course – TI and one other volunteer will take part.</p> <p>8c Brochure now printed and distributed to boxes in Sanquhar.</p> <p>8e DW has sent letter to Moray Council re surfacing access road to Sanquhar</p>	<p>DP</p> <p>ET</p> <p>GW</p> <p>SH</p> <p>ET</p> <p>SH,ET</p>

	Mains car park.	
4	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from Holly Wilmot, Wild Things! ref change of location for activities at Sanquhar – GM will contact Holly. • Email from Kresanna Aigner, Findhorn Bay Arts ref request to use space under the Giants heads for the week of 17th July – GM will respond. • Email from Caroline Inckle – see below. • Email via web from Margaret Bayley ref squirrel project for Woodland Activity Learner training – DP will liaise. • Email via web from James Davidson ref development of mountain bike trail – TI has already responded. • Email from Stuart Johnston ref Dallas Dhu development – GM has acknowledged receipt. • Email from Graham Hilditch ref Dallas Dhu development – DW has contacted GH. 	GM GM DP
5	<p>Muiry and Newforres.</p> <p>a. Work Party. ET reported that the last work party was lopping overhanging branches near paths.</p> <p>b. Path up-grade. DW reported that he has measured the paths and Bill McRitchie will do indicative pricing by June.</p>	DW
6	<p>Sanquhar and Bike Track</p> <p>a. Work Party. SH reported that one work party took place during which the sycamore copse next to Woodside Drive entrance was cut back. The session had to be stopped early due to high number of ticks. GM will replace missing tick posters.</p> <p>b. Bike Track. Due to TI's absence discussion on signage issues are deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>c. Info Boards. WM and ET reported that all boards have been erected with the help of volunteers. Two of the old boards have been repaired and will be erected at the entrances which previously didn't have a sign. ET will stick labels on boards indicating boxes with brochures.</p>	GM TI ET ET
7	<p>Website</p> <p>WM reported that two mails were sent to the website (see correspondence).</p>	
8	<p>Finance</p> <p>ET reported that the current bank balance is £20,795.21.</p>	
9	<p>Other</p> <p>a. Trustee nominee. DP will get further details from a person who has expressed interest in becoming a board member.</p>	DP

	<p>b. Art Project update. Caroline Inckle has emailed to say that the initial walks went well and her work is now progressing.</p> <p>c. Membership Drive. ET will get three boxes made for holding brochures to be erected at Muiry/Newforres. PG will speak to community liaison staff at TESCO ref booking a table at entrance for FCWT fundraising venture.</p>	<p>ET</p> <p>PG</p>
10	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>a. SH asked if any wrap around tree guards were available to put on trees which are being damaged by deer. DP will make inquiries. ET will inquire about cost of new ones. SH suggested that areas round the pond in the Coffin Field should be priority this year for the rhododendron eradication as it contributes considerably to overgrowth there. He will mark out further priority areas for Angus Dixon.</p>	<p>DP, ET</p> <p>SH</p>
11	Date of Next Meeting – 29th May 2017 at 7.30pm	