

FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Community Centre
7.30pm on 25th SEPTEMBER 2017



MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (Chair), Peter Graham, Eddie Tomkinson (Treasurer), Steve Hull, Gareth Whyment, Dan Puplett, Karen Mitchell, Susan Conti (minutes)</p> <p>Apologies: Gisela MacFarquhar, Wils Metcalfe, Tom Ireland, David Rooke</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 28th August 2017 Minutes proposed by PG, seconded by GW.</p> <p>Actions and Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting.</p> <p>2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Padlock - the post needs to be fixed • Hut Repair - GW to action • White's - Ian Suttie pursuing • Picnic Table - DW to follow up with Keith Cruickshank • Muiry/Newforres brochure boxes - once proposed work has been done, then boxes will be installed. • Volunteers - ET reported volunteers should be treated as employees for the purpose of insurance. <p>3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A96 Dualling - DW yet to respond • "Gazette" - GM wrote article re Berryburn funding which was printed (with a photo of Council owned woodland!). • Drumduan School - GM may have contacted? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Earth for Life - SH met with Alasdair Taylor. School coming October to remove saplings. DP also met with A Taylor who has tubes & guards and is keen to put them on IS oak saplings. • Moravian Orienteering - WM was to chase re donation. 	<p>ET GW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>GM</p> <p>DP</p> <p>WM</p>
3	<p>Correspondence Ian Lewis, Mannachie Drive, has asked to cut down a tree bordering his property. WM will have replied with a neutral holding response. Need to speak to WM on his return.</p>	WM
4	<p>Muiry and New Forres</p> <p>a. Work Party. Met to lop trees and use brushcutter until it broke!</p> <p>c. Other. i). DW noted soakaways need cleared in Muiry only. Possibly one day's work with digger.</p> <p>ii) DW has a meeting with Outdoor Access Trust Scotland on Friday. OAT will supply specification on design and plans for new paths.</p> <p>iii) No further response from Cathay re path spur opposite their road. DW to chase up.</p>	DW

5	<p>Sanquhar and Bike track</p> <p>a. Work Party. One workparty which cordoned off areas in Coffin Field for Council mowing. The cut grass has been pushed into where it was last year. Mowed bracken round IS trees.</p> <p>b. Bike Track. TI sent round email detailing trail inspection overdue but will be done asap. Destructed wild trail. Dirt Crit money has been transferred, amount unknown.</p> <p>c. Rhododendron. ET going round to check on Thursday. 100 injections done. Next year need to look at area above new trees.</p> <p>d. New Trees. GW has marked dead young trees in tubes (c40). Could plant as replacements some of the trees he still has.</p> <p>e. James Jones. Need to have a meeting with them late October. Moray Council have asked to attend meeting. They have also asked for fencing around log piles. Not practical. GW to check regulations. Possibly only signs are required. ET has written to JJ asking for date.</p> <p>f. Picnic Site. Site at collapsed picnic table very dense with birch. Need to decide whether to clear or relocate. DW and GW to inspect.</p> <p>g. Tony Hendry (volunteer). DP said TH interested in additional workparty days, and to get more volunteers via, eg Facebook. TH thought it would be a good idea to have, eg, a day per week with a Ranger in Sanquhar. Could lead to more public engagement. Could build on current contact with local schools. Need to investigate potential funding - Awards for All? Robinson Trust? DP to speak to TH to get more details and potential costs.</p> <p>h. Encroachment on FCWT ground. John Young, Woodside Drive, has cleared an area of FCWT ground behind his house and installed a trampoline. Will be sent a letter re boundaries, based on a FCWT letter Graham Hilditch sent out.</p>	<p>TI</p> <p>ET</p> <p>GW ET</p> <p>DW/GW</p> <p>DP</p> <p>GM</p>
6	<p>Website</p> <p>Working well. WM has changed wording re membership.</p>	
7	<p>Finance</p> <p>Current bank balance £18,753.01. May be slightly higher dependant on Dirt Crit donation. Don't yet know how much we will get from Berryburn but will receive amount before end of fiscal year.</p>	
8	<p>Membership</p> <p>No change in numbers since the previous meeting.</p>	
9	<p>AOB</p> <p>a.FCWT Facebook. TI and KM circulated their discussions prior to the meeting. On FB could mention work in progress, membership, etc. Need to put on some events. 2/3 people act as administrators. Along with membership, we could offer a newsletter to people interested but who don't want to join, then could request donations for specific projects. KM has been investigating Member Mojo which is all done online, ie, nothing is printed off. There is a small cost. KM requested that the FB item be put at the start of the agenda for the next meeting to allow more time for discussion.</p> <p>b. Membership Form. Some changes to the Standing Order part had been suggested. See GM.</p>	<p>TI/KM</p> <p>DW</p> <p>GM</p>

	c. AGM To be held on Wednesday, 8th November. Need to give 21 days notice so paperwork needs to go out before next committee meeting. ET to book Academy. DW will contact GM.	ET/DW/ GM
11	Date of Next Meeting – 30 October 2017 at 7.30pm	