

FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Community Centre
7.30pm on 30th October 2017



MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), Eddie Tomkinson (treasurer), Peter Graham, Steve Hull, Wilson Metcalfe, Susan Conti, Tom Ireland, David Rooke</p> <p>Apologies: Dan Puplett, Karen Mitchell, Gareth Whymant</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 25th September 2017 The minutes were proposed by ET, seconded by DW.</p> <p>Actions and Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Padlock - repair in hand. • Materials for hut repair – GW to action. • White's - no further info. • Picnic Table - Benromach will fund a bench. • A96 Dualling – DW has sent a response. • Moravian Orienteering – WM to contact are donation. • Trampoline. DW has drafted a letter to John Young to request removal of his trampoline from FCWT grounds. PG will investigate if it is still there before letter is sent. 	<p>ET GW</p> <p>WM</p> <p>PG,DW</p>
3	<p>Correspondence. Web-mail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euan Mellis, low impact harvesting company - offering services. GM to respond. • Ian Lewis – request to remove overhanging branches from silver birch. ET to ask Bill McRitchie to carry out job. <p>Email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DP – ref additional work parties. DP to ask Tony Henry to attend next Board meeting. 	<p>GM</p> <p>ET</p> <p>DP</p>
4	<p>Muiry and Newforres.</p> <p>a. Work Party. ET reported that the next work party carried out path maintenance. ET will ask Bill McRitchie to clear soakaways on paths.</p> <p>b. Projects. DW reported that Outdoor Access Trust have inspected the paths and have carried out a survey. The report arrived too late for discussion tonight. Cathay Nursing Home are not in a position to offer financial help. DW said that Landfill could be approached for funding. Leader is less likely.</p>	<p>ET</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW</p>
5	<p>Sanquhar and Bike Track.</p>	

	<p>a. Work Party. SH reported that 5 volunteers carried out various jobs. One new volunteer attended the session. The next work party will take place on 4th November.</p> <p>b. Bike Track. TI reported that the track has been inspected and log is updated. The wild trail has been largely dismantled and there are no signs of it having been used again. Some work on signage has still to be done. ET will approach Andy Scott from Moray council regarding longer term treatment of gorse at the jumps. He will ask what chemical they would use.</p> <p>c. Projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic Table. DW and GW inspected area at the lochan and decided that the area is too overgrown for a picnic table. Instead, a bench, funded by Benromach, will be installed at the other end. • Laurel and rhododendron. ET reported that the spraying and injection has had a considerable impact. The grant from Berryburn has been received and the remaining amount has to be spent by July 2018. • Felling. ET reported that a date for the felling has not yet been set. Health and Safety policy will have to be discussed. Moray Council would like to attend a pre-commencement meeting. Angus Dixon is our agent. Bill McRitchie will remove overhanging branches. <p>d. Other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ET will order twist guards. 	<p>TI,DR</p> <p>ET</p> <p>DW</p> <p>ET,DW</p> <p>ET</p>
6	<p>Communication.</p> <p>Web-site. WM reported no issues. Several messages have been received.</p> <p>Facebook. TI reported that he has created a page which has not gone live yet. He would like trustees to view it and make comments. There is a document for suggestions available in dropbox or it can be emailed.</p>	<p>TI,DR,KM</p>
7	<p>Finance</p> <p>ET reported a total of £23,348.67.</p> <p>A Standing Order for an annual payment to the HUB of £50 has been set up.</p> <p>Cycle Scotland have donated £50.</p> <p>The unaudited accounts to 31st March 2017 were approved by the board, to be adopted by AGM.</p>	
8	<p>Membership.</p> <p>SC reported that the total membership is 87. Subscriptions for the coming year are due and a number of the have been received.</p> <p>DW suggested that an associate membership should be explored to allow people who live outside the local area to join. The Articles of Association would have to be changed accordingly.</p> <p>The setting up of “Friends of FCWT” could also be considered.</p>	
9	<p>AOB.</p> <p>AGM.</p> <p>6 trustees are standing down. Three of these are seeking re-election.</p> <p>2 co-opted members are standing for election.</p> <p>GM is purchasing drinks and nibbles. Glasses will be borrowed from Forres</p>	

	Heritage Trust. GM will organise lucky draw. ET will print copies of accounts and some extra minutes and agendas.	GM ET
10	Date of Next Meeting – 27th November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.	