

FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Community Centre
7.30pm on 26th March 2018



MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

| Item | Minute | Action |
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| 1 | <p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, joint treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes, joint treasurer), Wilson Metcalfe, David Rooke, Steve Hull, Gareth Whymant</p> <p>Apologies: Dan Puplett, Karen Mitchell, Tom Ireland</p> | |
| 2 | <p>Minutes of 5th March 2018 The minutes were proposed by WM, seconded by DR.</p> <p>Actions and Matters arising from Minutes Outstanding actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Henry's proposals. The trustees present decided that a discussion on principle is required as to whether the Trust should support this kind of service. Decision deferred to next meeting. • Strainer Replacement / Padlock, repair in hand. • Materials for hut repair pending • Bench at Sanquhar lochan. ready for installation. Bill McRitchie has been working on the access path and will construct a concrete base for the bench. • Muiry / Newforres thinning. GW to survey and decide what is required • Removal of overhanging branches for Ian Lewis. GW to action <p>Outstanding from last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 3 – Moray Council, Core Paths Plan. WM attended event in town hall. He stated that the changes do not affect FCWT. • Item 9a – Trees and shrubs offer. SH has received ca 100 trees and shrubs. He will establish where to plant them. GW will keep what is not required in his garden for later use. | <p>Board</p> <p>DW GW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>GW</p> <p>GW</p> <p>SH,GW</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 9b – Equipment donation. SH has received equipment from Colin Hall. GM to send a thank you note. • Item 9c – First Aid Training. TI is arranging a weekend which will suit the 4 people attending. • Item 9d – Traditional Skills Training. TI and DR agreed to return half the cost of training if they leave the Trust within 3 years of the completion of the training. • Item 9e – Tesco Funding. GW and DW to establish how much material will be required and surfaces to be covered. • Item 9f – Brash uplifting enquiry. TI and SH will further discuss options for involving the community in collecting brash. • Item 9h – McRitchie Equipment Proposal. On further consideration the decision was taken not to take up Bill McRitchie’s offer to share the cost of his heavy duty mulcher. FCWT will call on him as and when required. He has already carried out some work with this machine in the Muiry. | <p>GM</p> <p>TI</p> <p>GW,DW</p> <p>SH,TI</p> |
| <p>3</p> | <p>Correspondence.</p> <p>E-mail</p> <p>Vicky Flood, Forres Area Community Trust. GM reported that FACT are collating a resource list of equipment various local community groups are holding and Vicky Flood had asked if FCWT would be interested in being included in a database detailing the resources that they may be willing to loan. GM replied that we would not be able to loan equipment. In a further email VF suggested including a statement that the woods are available for community events and local organisations and to get in touch with the Trust if anyone wants to hold an event. The Board agreed that this would be appropriate. GM to reply to Vicky.</p> <p>Web-mail. No correspondence.</p> <p>Phone Call</p> <p>Cameron Court, Residential Home. GM reported a call from a staff member asking if FCWT would be available to give a talk on FCWT to the residents. GW will get in touch with the day care staff.</p> | <p>GM</p> <p>GW</p> |

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| 4 | <p>Moray Local Development Plan 2020. At the Moray Local Dev Plan 2020 review in the Town Hall the Principal Planner advised that the OPP4 Cathay designation could be challenged with a view to it being re-classified as an ENV. A recent precedent has been set in the case of R9 Plantation Cottage. FCWT will submit comments accordingly to the Main Issues Report.</p> <p>It was also agreed to submit comments in regard to the Dallas Dhu and Lochyhill proposals whereby FCWT will request that substantial buffer zones be maintained between the proposed housing and the woodlands.</p> | DW |
| 5 | <p>Strategy Review. A review of the FCWT Management Plan will be carried out at the next meeting leading up to a strategy review.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>Muiry and New Forres.</p> <p>a. Work party report. There has been no volunteer work party recently.</p> <p>b. Projects. DW reported that Bill McRitchie has scraped the paths, trimmed the edges, cleaned out the soakaways at the Muiry and filled in potholes in the car parks at both Muiry and Newforres. Work on Newforres paths has been restricted to part of the perimeter and the central path due to access constraints.</p> <p>Outdoor Access Trust have produced a design package for the paths upgrade work and invoiced for the work. Funding will now have to be sourced for the work to proceed..</p> | |
| 7 | <p>Sanquhar.</p> <p>a. Work Party. SH reported that 11 volunteers had attended, removing sitka. The next work party will plant donated trees.</p> <p>b. Bike Track. DR reported that the damage on the bike track can be fixed manually with the help of volunteers.</p> <p>c. Projects Bill McRitchie has been working on paths and soakaways. He will repair the Sanquhar Mains road using material supplied by the farmer. Ballast material which has been ordered for other repairs.</p> <p>d. Thinning is now complete and all timber has been removed. The final invoice has been submitted to James Jones.</p> | DR |
| 8 | <p>Communication.</p> | |

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| | Web-site. a link with Facebook has now been established. | |
| 9 | <p>Finance.</p> <p>GM reported the total in the account amounts to £38,042.56. This includes the final payment by James Jones of £5942.28, and payments made to Bill McRitchie and Groves Forestry. An invoice from Outdoor Access Trust is due to be paid.</p> <p>DW reported that both he and GM now have online access to the account and joint authorisation for payments has been set up. DW is working on the end of financial year accounts.</p> | DW |
| 10 | Membership. Nothing to report. | |
| 11 | <p>AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. DW will purchase 50 tree stakes and deliver them to SH. b. SH said that Alistair Taylor will keep tree guards in his garage for the Trust. c. GM will apply to the Co-op community fund for paths up-grade. | DW GM |
| 12 | Date of Next Meeting – 30th April 2018 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. | |