

# FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Community Centre  
7.30pm on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018



## MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p><b>Present:</b> Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Steve Hull, Tom Ireland, David Rooke, Gareth Whymant.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Gisela McFarquhar, Wilson Metcalfe, Dan Puplett</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b> The minutes were proposed by SH, seconded by DW</p> <p><b>Actions and Matters arising from Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Outstanding actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Materials for hut repair</b> – Material now being sourced from Moray Estates</li> <li>• <b>Muiry / New Forres thinning</b> – GW stated no thinning required currently</li> <li>• <b>Birch thinning at Sanquhar lochan</b> – agreed to do a trial thinning along north and west sides especially around existing planted specimen trees</li> <li>• <b>Removal of overhanging branches for Ian Lewis.</b> – Contact to be made with the householder to determine exactly what is required. Then contractor to be used for the work.</li> <li>• <b>Tesco Funding of Path Upgrades</b> – Project shelved. Much of the work already complete. Sanquhar Mains access road to be done before next bike event.</li> <li>• <b>Cameron Court request for talk</b> - Pending</li> <li>• <b>Moray Local Development Plan 2020</b> – Write to local councilors and Community Councils to seek support for our positions.</li> <li>• <b>Dead tree assessment</b> – investigate a training source</li> </ul> <p><b>Outstanding actions from May minutes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Item 5b.</b> DR to check with TI if any <b>mountain biking events</b> are planned for this year. Dirt Crit scheduled for October 27th</li> <li>• <b>Item 5c. Keys for Padlocks</b> – Additional keys to be cut for the Sanquhar barrier. Bill McRitchie holds the keys for the Muiry/Newforres barriers.</li> <li>• <b>Item 9.</b> Mailchimp to be set up</li> <li>• <b>Item 10b. First Aid Kit.</b> We now have two first aid kits: one each with SH and DR.</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions from previous minutes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Item 3.</b> DW met with Bethan Blampied to discuss volunteering opportunities for her Outreach Project. It was agreed that she could bring work parties into the woodlands. Awaiting her response.</li> <li>• <b>Item 7.</b> Review the insurance coverage esp. volunteer liability, construction works, bike track insurance.</li> </ul>	<p>GW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>GMcF</p> <p>DW</p> <p>GW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DP</p> <p>DR</p> <p>DP/GMcF</p> <p>DP</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW</p>

	<p><b>Contd:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Item 9a. Findhorn Bay Arts.</b> Table application has been successful. GMcF to lead effort to get our display organised</li> <li>• <b>Item 9b. Strategy.</b> KM to forward Summary of Strategy review.</li> </ul>	<p>GMcF</p> <p>KM</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Correspondence.</b> None presented. Post meeting note: Letter received from A96 Dualling project on Aug 17<sup>th</sup> which will be distributed separately .</p>	DW
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Muiry and New Forres.</b> Ian Suttie's team have carried out overhead branches clearing at Newforres. No other work planned.</p>	

<b>5</b>	<p><b>Sanquhar</b></p> <p>a. <b>Work party report.</b> Last volunteer party carried out further bracken slashing bracken. Paths cut thru Coffin Field and various path edges trimmed back with billy goat cutter. Next WP on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> will replace spirals on Coffin Field trees.</p> <p>b. <b>Bike Track.</b> Much work carried out with 3 work parties and 6 volunteers. Vegetation cut back, surface repairs and protective barriers erected. Plans for future monthly work parties with this group. Safety post at jumps to be re-erected with steel stanchion supplied by GW</p> <p>c. <b>Projects.</b> <b>Rhododendron/Laurel Survey</b> – Treatment completed by Angus Dixon's team. Some larger bushes have been cut down. Invoice received and application made for BBCF funding to be released. <b>Grass cutting in Coffin Field</b> - Decision taken NOT to cut the Coffin Field this year due to lack of growth.</p>	DW
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Communications.</b> <b>Facebook:</b> activity is increasing. TI using it to inform on bike track work. <b>Web-site:</b> no activity <b>Letters:</b> none</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Finance.</b> <b>Current Balance:</b> £33,225.89 Outgoings in July and August - £1,329.02 (mainly insurance premiums)</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Membership report.</b> 2 membership payments received. GM to pass on to SC and obtain a status report for next meeting.</p>	GM
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Other.</b> SH needs more leaflets for the sign board box.</p>	DW
<b>10</b>	<p><b>AOB.</b> None.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b> 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.</p>	