

FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Community Centre
7.30pm on 24th September 2018



MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), Wilson Metcalfe, Dan Puplett, David Rooke, Tom Ireland</p> <p>Apologies: Gareth Whymant, Steve Hull</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 27th August 2018 The minutes were proposed by TI, seconded by DR.</p> <p>Actions and Matters arising from previous Minutes Outstanding actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials for hut repair - Pending • Muiry / New Forres thinning – no further action required at present • Birch thinning at Sanquhar lochan – DW has contacted Bill McRitchie, will clarify task • Removal of overhanging branches for Ian Lewis. – GM has informed householder of Board’s decision of having the tree in question removed by contractor at FCWT’s expense or for householder to remove overhanging branch at his own expense. • Sanquhar Mains Road – to be fixed before bike event in October • Cameron Court request for talk - Pending • Dead tree assessment – DP to investigate further • Keys for Padlocks – Three sets of keys for Sanquhar padlocks are being held by Trustees. Bill McRitchie is currently in possession of one set for Muiry/Newforres. GM to get this key and have more copies made. • Gordon Scott to prepare accounts for year ending March 2018. • GM and DP to set up mailchimp. • Bethan Blampied – no further communication has taken place • Review of insurance cover – DW to check if the use of brushcutter and trimmer by volunteers is included. • Strategy review – KM had emailed it on 12th July. To be discussed at next Board meeting 	<p>GW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>GW</p> <p>DP</p> <p>GM</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DP,GM</p> <p>DW</p> <p>Board</p>
3	<p>Correspondence. Phone call and Email from R Phillips, Highlands Service Community Official Guide for 2018 to advertise FCWT – the Board decided against.</p>	
4	<p>Muiry and New Forres. Ian Suttie reported that no major works are planned.</p>	
5	<p>Sanquhar. a. Work party report. GM reported that work parties were held on 1st and</p>	

	<p>15th September. Tall green tubes were removed from wild roses and replaced with spirals in Coffin Field. Also a number of tubes where trees had not survived were taken away. More can be done at next work party. Date to be confirmed.</p> <p>b. Bike track. TI and DR reported that work to prepare bike track for crit event is on-going. They have identified a number issues. Some signs need to be replaced and some new ones are required. The will contact two Signcraft companies for quotes.</p>	<p>GM</p> <p>TI,DR</p>
6	<p>Communications.</p> <p>a. Web-site. No communication has taken place recently.</p> <p>b. Facebook. TI reported a large number of posts referring to the Cathay housing plan. Also info about work parties was posted.</p>	
7	<p>Finance.</p> <p>DW reported a total of £31,275.89. A further membership has been paid. DR has received refund for purchases made. Angus Dixon has been paid for rhododendron treatment. Monies from Berryburn have not yet been received for this. Further information is required.</p> <p>DW to set up payment to GM for various expenses.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>DW</p>
8	<p>Membership. No up-date.</p>	
9	<p>Other.</p> <p>a. Culture Day. GM will set up a table with information and tree identification activity. DW and DR may be able to attend for some time. The event will be cancelled in bad weather.</p> <p>b. Cathay Housing. TI has posted information on facebook. GM has sent a letter from the chairman to the members. DW reported that 17 objections had been delivered so far, including Forres Community Council, following the publication of an up-dated planning proposal. DW has met with Finnerne Community Council and will follow up with further communication. He will send an updated objection to Moray Council. WM will put a message on the website pointing out that relevant legislation will be contravened if this plan goes ahead.</p> <p>c. Dallas Dhu Tree Preservation. DW will get more information about this at the Auchernack Access Point.</p> <p>d. New Trustees. WM said that he will stand down after 6 years as a trustee at next AGM. He offered to continue to manage the web-site. DW also said that he will be standing down. Also after 6 years, 3 of which as chairman. He will support the Board until new management is set up. He will write to the membership to appeal for new trustees. GM, DP, TI and DR will continue. GM will ask GW and SH for their position.</p>	<p>GM</p> <p>DW</p> <p>WM</p> <p>DW</p> <p>GM</p>
10	<p>AOB.</p> <p>AGM. GM to prepare documents for AGM. It will be held on 21st November 2018.</p>	<p>GM</p>
11	<p>Date of next meeting.</p> <p>29th October 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre.</p>	

