

FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Community Centre
7.30pm on 28th January 2019



MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), Gareth Whymant, Steve Hull, Tom Ireland, Dan Puplett</p> <p>Apologies: David Rooke</p> <p>Also attending: David MacFarquhar</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 29th October 2018 The minutes were proposed by TI, seconded by GW.</p> <p>Actions and Matters arising from previous Minutes. Outstanding actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials for hut repair - pending • Cameron Court request for talk - cancelled • Dead tree assessment – DP to investigate further • Keys for Padlocks – done • Review of insurance cover –DW to ask WM what the insurance cover is for the brush cutter. 	<p>GW</p> <p>DP</p> <p>DW</p>
3	<p>Administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DW reported that OSCR and Companies House have been updated and informed of trustees leaving the Board. • David MacFarquhar was co-opted on to the Board. DW will inform Companies House. • DW will continue as chairman until the next AGM. • TI will put notice on facebook, looking for treasurer. • GM will continue as secretary. 	<p>DW</p> <p>TI</p>
4	<p>Correspondence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Bracewell Stirling Consulting regarding proposed residential Development at Knockomie – no action required. • Thank you note from Mrs and Ms Shewan regarding action on housing proposal at Cathay. • Thank you note and donation from Mr R. McIntosh. GM has replied. • Message via webmaster from Angela Mitchell, Forres Academy teacher, regarding information about Sanquhar Loch and volunteer activities. WM and GM have responded. • Message via webmaster from Neil Sinclair regarding windblown trees behind his property in Woodside Drive. GW will investigate. • Email from CWA regarding membership renewal – done. • Email and phone call from Mrs Fraser via HUB regarding fire in 	<p>GW</p>

	<p>Sanquhar Wood. She called the fire brigade as she had noticed smoke coming from the turf where a fire had been made a few days earlier. The firemen put out the fire using mobile equipment as vehicular access was difficult.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email exchanges with Laura Henderson Wild Things! regarding volunteer work parties in Sanquhar Wood. SH arranged activities. 	
5	<p>Muiry and New Forres. DW reported that he has now taken over the emptying of the bins and transferring the rubbish to a bin at Muiry provided by Moray Council. He will remove one bin which is less accessible. The bins at the car parks will remain as these are being used frequently. The Muiry paths are in good condition. There are overgrown tracks and poor surfaces at New Forres. DW has asked Bill McRitchie to deliver an estimate of the work required. GW will survey the woods to decide on a thinning plan.</p>	<p>DW GW</p>
6	<p>Sanquhar. a. Work party report. GM reported that during a work party in November two volunteers removed or replaced obsolete tree guards. In January 8 volunteers cleared Sitka behind Mannachie. SH will organize two parties in February. Some planting of tress will be done in March. DW reported that birch thinning at Sanquhar lochan is in progress. TI reported that he has been looking into possible sources of funding through charcoal production and coppicing. He will investigate further. GW said that charcoal production is very labour intensive. b. Bike track. TI reported that signcraft have not yet delivered the signs which had been ordered some time ago. They will be installed as soon as they arrive. An inspection of the bike track is due.</p>	<p>SH DW TI TI</p>
7	<p>Communications. a. Web-site. WM kindly offered to continue with web administration. TI offered to assist WM when he is unavailable.</p>	
8	<p>Finance. DW reported a total of £ 29,912.61. All bills are paid including Moray Council for Forres Academy room hire, CWA membership, Gordon Scott accountant, and Bill McRitchie for work carried out. £6500 will be due to Altyre Estates in 2020 for purchase of coffin field. DW will investigate if this sum could be put aside into a savings account.</p>	<p>DW</p>
9	<p>Membership. SC reported that 29 households (46 individuals) have renewed their membership. 34 households have not yet renewed though some of these have standing orders which will be paid as the year progresses. GM to ask SC to send reminders to the members whose subscription is due.</p>	<p>GM,SC</p>
10	<p>Other. a. Actions from AGM. To raise our profile at Muiry/New Forres. The Board discussed the erection of signs similar to the Sanquhar Wood signs. DW will</p>	

	<p>ask WM about the possibility of funding from Paths for All.</p> <p>b. Cathay Housing. DW reported that the revised plan will be discussed by the planning committee on 29th March. 80 objections have been delivered. The petition on facebook is on-going. DW was encouraged to send individual letters to the members of the planning committee.</p> <p>c. 2019 Budget. DW reported that the discussion with Berryburn regarding past payments is still on-going. External funding for projects is needed to avoid running down our cash too quickly.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>DW</p>
11	<p>AOB. None.</p>	
12	<p>Date of next meeting. 25th February 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre.</p>	