

FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Community Centre
7.30pm on 25th March 2019



MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), Gareth Whymant, Steve Hull, David MacFarquhar, David Rooke</p> <p>Apologies: Tom Ireland, Dan Puplett</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 25th February 2019 The minutes were proposed by DR, seconded by DW.</p> <p>Actions and Matters arising from previous Minutes. Outstanding actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials for hut repair – pending, awaiting donation of wood • Dead tree assessment – ongoing • Leaning tree behind Woodside Drive – taken care of • TI will put notice on facebook, looking for treasurer – pending • TI will further investigate the commercial viability of charcoal production and produce a business plan. • TI will contact WM regarding assisting with web issues when WM is unavailable. • TI will investigate insurance cover for bike track. • DW will review all insurance cover before renewal in June 	<p>GW DP</p> <p>TI TI</p> <p>TI TI DW</p>
3	<p>Correspondence. – no correspondence.</p>	
4	<p>Muiry and New Forres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DW reported that the contractor has completed pathwork in Newforres and has received payment. • DW is emptying the bins regularly • GW has surveyed Muiry and New Forres. He reported that thinning is currently not required and should be re-visited next year. 	
6	<p>Sanquhar.</p> <p>a. Work party report. GM reported that during a work party on 2nd March 6 volunteers planted trees ca 30 in the Mannachie area, including oaks and hazel donated by Ian Suttie.</p> <p>SH reported that he and one volunteer have replaced some wire guards on trees which had proved to be unsuitable.</p> <p>SH will organize the next work party when small hemlock will be lopped.</p>	SH

	<p>b. Bike track. DR reported that a trail inspection has taken place and the track has been found to be in good condition. Rainwater is draining off well. The next work party will do some scraping and will fix the new signs. DW will ask contractor to remove fallen tree near the jump area. DW said that contractor might be able to make a whacker plate and roller available for track repair.</p>	<p>DR DW</p>
7	<p>Communications. Nothing to report.</p>	
8	<p>Finance. DW reported a total of £ 19,632.61 in bank. One contractor has received payment. £10,000 have been paid into a fixed term deposit account.</p>	
9	<p>Membership. GM reported on behalf of SC that 17 membership payments are overdue. GM will draft a reminder letter which will be sent out by SC.</p>	<p>GM,SC</p>
10	<p>AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of 5-year strategy and management plan. DR presented the plan which was discussed by the trustees. DR will adjust the plan accordingly. • Rhododendron and Laurel eradication. DW reported that over £3,000 from the Berryburn fund is to be spent this year. Angus Dixon will be invited to attend a board meeting in May when a discussion will take place on how that money will be spent • Cathay Housing. DW reported that he has sent a letter to the councillors who will be present at tomorrow's planning committee meeting, drawing attention to the fact that this application contravenes current policies. <i>Post meeting note: the application was refused by the Planning Committee.</i> 	<p>DR</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW</p>
11	<p>Date of next meeting. 29th March 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre.</p>	