

# FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Tolbooth  
7.30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019



## MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p><b>Present:</b> Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), Steve Hull, David MacFarquhar, Gareth Whyment, Tom Ireland, Dan Puplett</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> David Rooke</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b> The minutes were proposed by DW, seconded by DM.</p> <p><b>Actions and Matters arising from previous Minutes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of 5-year strategy and management plan. DW will forward it to WM for publication on the web.</li> <li><b>Materials for hut repair</b> – pending, awaiting donation of wood from Moray Estates</li> <li>TI to put notice on facebook, looking for treasurer – done.</li> <li>TI will contact WM regarding assisting with web issues.</li> <li>DW has requested quotes for insurance cover. It is likely that the two insurances can be combined, thereby reducing the overall cost.</li> <li>Illegal removal of tree posts and supports – SH reported that they were partly re-instated.</li> </ul>	<p>DW</p> <p>GW</p> <p>TI</p> <p>DW</p>
3	<p><b>Correspondence.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email 3rd May 2019, Tesco Bags of Help. Application received. Our application is eligible and will be considered. Likely delay for decision of 6 months.</li> <li>Email 7th May George Alexander, room hire rent room. Booking for the Rent Room is confirmed. The price is £20 as long as meetings are kept below 2 hours particularly during the colder months. GM will book Court Room for either 6<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> November.</li> <li>Web mail 13th June Isha Goyal, Research project. Postgraduate student at the Glasgow School of Art conducting a research project on the entanglements between humans and woodlands in the Highlands to innovate the existing experience which could foster a deeper empathy towards nature and also encourage sustainable behaviours in people. GM to email to offer assistance with information.</li> <li>Moray Walking Festival web page. Nature Foraging walk, Wednesday 19 June, 2019 Event leader</li> </ul>	<p>GM</p> <p>GM</p>

	<p>Ruaraidh Milne, Price £10-£20 pp. DP will contact Ruaraidh with request for donaton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web mail 19<sup>th</sup> June Kirsty Mitchell on behalf of residents in Letterfourie development in Buckie. Looking for advice regarding a proposed development where woodland and mature trees are due to be felled. DW will respond.</li> </ul>	<p>DP</p> <p>DW</p>
4	<p><b>Muiry and New Forres.</b> GW reported that a consultant forester suggested a thinning programme. GW will clarify what is required.</p>	<p>GW</p>
6	<p><b>Sanquhar.</b></p> <p>a) <b>Work party report.</b> SH reported that 4 volunteers replaced tubes, spirals and posts on trees which had been removed illegally, and on pathway at the Woodside Drive entrance. SH will organize a work party on 13<sup>th</sup> July to slash bracken near newly planted trees. GM to order more slashers.</p> <p>b) <b>Bike track.</b> DW reported that contractor has removed damaged tree near the track.</p> <p>c) <b>Coffin Field.</b> DW will explore if a local farmer would be able to cut the grass and remove it in August/September. SH will arrange with WM to cut bracken in Coffin Field.</p> <p>d) <b>Rhododendron eradication.</b> DW reported that contractor has send an estimate for work to be done for this year. Berryburn funding money will be used for this. GW will co-ordinate work. DW will contact contractor to cut rhododendrons on the steep slope next to the burn.</p>	<p>SH</p> <p>GM</p> <p>DW SH</p> <p>GW DW</p>
7	<p><b>Communications.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DW reported that WM has now returned and will up-date the web site. It is running ok and a few messages have been received. No invoice has been received from Canary Dwarf.</li> </ul>	
8	<p><b>Finance.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DW reported a total of £ 19,610.11 in bank plus £10,000 in a fixed term deposit account. A few membership payments were received. Payment for room hire is outstanding.</li> </ul>	
9	<p><b>Membership.</b> GM will contact SC regarding letters to lapsed memberships.</p>	<p>GM</p>
10	<p><b>AOB.</b> DP reported that a walk in Sanquhar Wood arranged for the Scottish Wildlife Trust had been a success.</p>	
11	<p><b>Date of next meeting.</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Tolbooth.</b></p>	