

# FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at the Forres Tennis Club  
At 7.30pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 2012



## MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action (Initials)
1.	<b>Present:</b> Chris Piper (chair), George Alexander, Pat Johnstone, Fiona Chalmers, Bruno Cawley, Ian Suttie, Alan Smith, Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes) <b>Absent:</b> Chris Wortley	
2.	<b>Minutes of last meeting.</b> Previous minutes from 30 <sup>th</sup> May and 6 <sup>th</sup> June were not presented.	CW
3.	<b>Matters arising.</b>	
4.	<b>Correspondence.</b> Fiona reported that she had received a request by Chris Pepper to hold workshops on 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept and 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct. on the use of rocket stoves at Sanquhar Woods. In principle, the board had no objections. Fiona to clarify the following points – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would there be a charge/donations for the courses?</li> <li>• Would the courses be promoted in association/partnership with FCWT?</li> <li>• As Mr Pepper has no insurance a basic risk assessment would have to be submitted.</li> <li>• Confirm that our public liability covers such an event</li> </ul> Fiona to email the risk assessment to board members.	FC
5.	<b>Board Membership.</b> Gisela expressed a wish to join the Board of FCWT. Chris P to email Gisela information on board membership and Gisela to apply in writing. Ian said that Eddie Tomkinson also expressed a wish to join. Ian to contact Eddie regarding application and Eddie to be invited to board meeting to discuss his role as membership secretary. Chris P to contact Nicole re. a member of the Woodside Park Residents' Association who had also expressed an interest.	CP GM  IS  CP
6.	<b>Communication.</b> George said that the Trust had lost contact with the general public, the membership list had not been updated and no newsletters had been sent out for some time. George agreed to put together a newsletter which will be sent out to the members, once the list is up-dated, either by email or surface mail and copies to be deposited at the Hub. Chris P to set up template for newsletter and email to George. Gisela to email Eddie's email address to all Board Members. Chris P to set up template for membership and email to Eddie. Board Members to check membership list and email Eddie with their up-date.	GA   CP GM CP Board Members

	Pat advised that the web-site is almost ready and should go live by this weekend.	
7.	<b>Ranger Service.</b> Chris P reported that funds were available for a temporary "Ranger". Chris to contact Vicky Flood to see if she would be interested, perhaps to set up a volunteer ranger service.	CP
8.	<b>Green Burial.</b> Chris P reported that an article by Jim Grant will appear in this week's Forres Gazette in which it will be stated that the planning consent for the Green Burial sites will be revoked and the trust will be invited to submit a new application. Chris P, Pat, Bruno and Fiona have discussed this matter with Jamie Whittle. The directors voted unanimously that Jamie Whittle should be consulted regarding the legal implications, possible mediation, costs, compensation etc. and draft a letter to the Moray Council. Chris P will email the draft to the board members.	CP
9.	<p><b>Operational Updates</b></p> <p><b>Muiry Woods.</b> Ian reported that the same family of travellers had returned to the Newforres carpark, having dragged away the large boulders put in place by Bill McRitchie. A height restriction barrier would ultimately be needed here but not before some realignment of the roadside banking. The application for the barrier at the Muiry car park would now go ahead. George to enquire informally about the option of applying for height restrictions to be installed. Fiona suggested that there might be other ways of restricting access and suggested that Ian might like to contact CWA. Ian also reported that a dead adult roe deer, with no apparent injuries, was found beside one of the Muiry paths on 21/8. After its removal, to avoid smell and dog distraction, it was butchered to reveal injuries consistent with a car strike.</p> <p><b>Sanquhar Woods.</b> George reported that the gates at Sanquhar required new locks. Combination locks would be the most suitable. Also, the signs for the cycle track and jumps needed replacing. Fiona to get a quote for the repair of the shelter. George reported that flight crews from RAF Kinloss had provided help with cutting back laurel and Rhododendrons and a group of Forres Academy pupils had helped with litter picking, brashing and path clearing last spring. George suggested that the army might be approached to help maintain the paths.</p>	GA IS  FC  GA
10.	<p><b>Financial update-</b> Pat reported that the following cheques have been forwarded</p> <p>£416.66 Public Liability Insurance</p> <p>£30.00 CWA</p> <p>£2020.00 Urban Animation</p> <p>£4750.00 Fiona Chalmers (Country Park Feasibility Study)</p> <p>Two membership payments have been received - £10.</p> <p>Pat advised the trust that the balance of the account was currently £31,059.59.</p>	
11.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>Country Park –</b> Fiona said that the Feasibility Study is ready and the trust should now make an arrangement for a follow-up meeting with</p>	

	Altyre Estate owner Sir Alistair Gordon-Cumming.	FC
<b>12.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2012</b> Date for AGM to be confirmed	