

FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Tennis Courts
7.30pm on Wednesday 7th November



MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action (Initials)
1.	<p>Present: Chris Piper, George Alexander, Pat Johnstone, Fiona Chalmers, Ian Suttie, Alan Smith, Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes)</p> <p>Apologies: Chris Wortley</p> <p>Absent: Bruno Cawley</p>	
2.	<p>Forres Living Land Project. Fiona presented the Vision Document for the Project. She gave a background to the Project and explained that a Living Land Trust would be set up which would be responsible for the running of the Project. The Project land would likely be leased to the LLT on a 100-year basis. FCWT had the opportunity to have a seat on the Board of the LLT.</p> <p>Discussion centred round the questions as to what role the FCWT should adopt in the formation and operation of such a trust, what the implications could be through its participation in the project, whether the FCWT could gain or be disadvantaged in any way, to what extent public engagement would be desirable, and how Trust members and the general public might view the Trust's participation in the project. In response to a concern expressed by George, Fiona emphasised that on-going participation with Altyre Estate in taking forward the project towards public engagement did not commit FCWT to any financial involvement or other land ownership responsibilities / liabilities in addition to its existing ones.</p> <p>Chris P considered that it was important for the Trust to be taking a strategic view on its own and adjoining land ownership/stewardship opportunities and responsibilities for the long term benefit of the wider Forres community and that this was entirely consistent with FCWT's charitable objectives.</p> <p>Ian expressed concern regarding the inclusion of housing proposals within the Project. However it was pointed out that the taking forward of any proposals for housing or other development within the Project Area would be primarily a matter for Altyre Estate as the landowner.</p> <p>Alan considered that it would be more advantageous for the FCWT to continue to be involved in, and thereby have influence on, the future development of the Project - through the Living Land Trust - rather than become isolated and forfeit any influence.</p> <p>Ian proposed that no further engagement in the Project should take place until consultation with the Trust members has taken place.</p> <p>Fiona intimated that Chris W had asked that his continued support for participation in the Project be recorded <i>in absentia</i>.</p> <p>Chris P counter-proposed that the Board should continue to work closely alongside the Altyre Estate in progressing the vision of the Living</p>	

	Land Project, for which the next stage was local community / public engagement. This was agreed .	
9.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Sanquhar Wood. George said that he had fitted one of the locks, but hasn't been able to fit the other as the holes for the lock are too small. He would organise for this to be rectified as soon as possible.</p> <p>Chris P reported that he had been recently invited to attend an informal meeting of the Woodside Park Residents Association that had applied for and received from The Woodland Trust 400 native trees and shrubs for planting locally to mark the Queen's Jubilee year. The Association was requesting FCWT's approval to plant the trees and shrubs in groups along the [northern] margins of the coffin field, and to plant a special "Queen's Jubilee" oak just inside the coffin field near the western [new footpath] entrance and to have the area renamed Jubilee Field in commemoration. This was agreed in principle. Chris P would continue to liaise with the WPRA accordingly.</p> <p>AGM. George and Gisela agreed to work with Eddie to finalise preparations for the AGM.</p> <p>Chris P had forwarded the updated Newsletter to Eddie for distribution and has arranged for Proxy & Nomination Forms (which also incorporate the AGM Agenda) to be forwarded to Pat to be made available for uplift by members at the Hub from Friday 9th November within the time scale stipulated by the Constitution.</p>	<p>GA</p> <p>GA, GM</p> <p>CP,PT</p>
10	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>26th November 2012</p>	