

FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at St Leonard's Church Portakabin
7.30pm on 3rd March 2014



MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
	<p>Present: Graham Hilditch (chair), Eddie Tomkinson, John Carson, Wilson Metcalfe, Donald Wright, Steve Hull, Gareth Whyment, Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes)</p> <p>Apologies: Stuart Johnston</p>	
	<p>Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2014 were presented and agreed as an accurate record, proposed by DW, seconded by SH.</p>	
	<p>GH informed the Board that SJ had handed in his resignation. He said that SJ will continue to support the Trust on an unofficial basis.</p>	
	<p>Correspondence. Website emails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moravian Orienteering Club to hold event in Muiry Wood - WM to give go-ahead - Motorbike seen on cycle track and <p>Emails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - from WM – motorbikes and quadbikes on Dava Way – GM to put notice in Newsletter and WM on Website - Ian Douglas, Moray Council Access Officer, regarding combined access plan for Footpaths Trust, Wildlife Hide and FCWT paths - From Mr Miele regarding land ownership – GH to contact Mr Miele - From Mrs Treen, regarding improvement of access path for wheelchair users – GH to make contact - From Woodland Trust, delivery of trees 	<p>WM</p> <p>GM, WM</p> <p>?</p> <p>GH</p> <p>GH</p>
	<p>Matters Arising.</p>	
	<p>From Previous Meeting. Bike Track – ET said that the bike track is insured until June 2014. Paul Masson, the designer of the track, will survey it on 19th March together with ET, SH, GW and David Robinson. Work Parties – GH said that there had been a very good turnout of volunteers last Thursday (8) and Saturday (12) and a lot of Sitka was cut. 5-Year Plan – WM reported that he is continuing to type up the template and identifying gaps in the old management plan, particularly for Muiry and Newforres. Fundraising – GH reported that an indoor charity stall has been applied for at the European Pipe Band Championships in June. The goal is to raise</p>	<p>ET, SH, GW</p> <p>WM</p> <p>ET</p>

	awareness for the Trust and to raise funds. ET will look into relevant insurance issues.	
1.	<p>Key Issues for 2014.</p> <p>Fundraising – GH said that the Trust is currently making a net loss of around £5000 a year and requires a fundraising policy to prevent a further drainage of funds. He suggested that a dedicated person/team should investigate grants that are available, make applications and pursue other revenue streams. ET said a programme of social events would raise the Trust’s profile and could bring in some revenue. SH suggested he could do a woodland walk or a bird walk.</p> <p>It was decided that as a first step JC will make inquiries about hiring the St Leonard’s church hall for a coffee morning.</p> <p>Mountain Bike Track - ET will be the contact person for the bike track.</p> <p>Work Parties - SH and GH have taken over this task from SJ. ET looks after the Muiry team.</p> <p>PR/Newsletter/Web – GH and GM will be responsible for this. WM will continue monitoring the web. He said that Tom Ireland has agreed to redesign the website to make it suitable for small screen applications.</p> <p>5-Year-Plan – WM will continue preparing the paperwork and GW will advise on practical work required.</p> <p>The Articles of Association will need to be updated and the election of trustees will need to be clarified.</p>	JC
2.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Another 400 saplings have been received from the Woodland Trust. GM is organising a planting event in the Coffin Field involving a P6 class from Pilmuir Primary School and adult volunteers. GH and SH have also agreed to attend.</p>	GM GH, SH
12.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>31st March at 3pm.</p>	