

FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Community Centre
7.30pm on 27th April 2015



MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
	<p>Present: Graham Hilditch (chair), Donald Wright, Steve Hull, Eddie Tomkinson, Peter Graham, Susan Conti, Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes)</p> <p>Apologies: Gareth Whyment, Dan Puplett, Vicky Flood, Wilson Metcalfe</p>	
	<p>Actions from Minutes of previous meeting held on 30th March 2015</p> <p>Item 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for felling behind Mannachie Rise – will have to be done when thinning programme is under way. WM to make enquiries regarding creation of up-to-date maps – deferred to next meeting as WM is absent. GW to draw up thinning programme – deferred to next meeting as GW is absent. Removal of tree across Mosset – SH to contact Nick Molnar, also about treating bracken in coffin field. ET will ask 39 Engineers if they can upright stump. <p>Proposed - PG Secoded - SC</p>	<p>GW</p> <p>WM</p> <p>GW</p> <p>SH</p> <p>ET</p>
	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>Letter from –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Leonards Church Guild, Forres. Donation of £50 for talk by Ian Suttie. Thank you letter sent by GM. Legal and Democratic Services. Application for Landfill Tax Communities Fund declined. Development Services, Moray Council. Draft Developer Obligations Supplementary Guidance regarding proposed development on existing infrastructure and facilities. Environment and Forestry Directorate. Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones Regulations 2014. <p>Emails from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wild Things! Permission document for photos/videos. Signed by GH. To be returned by GM. George Alexander, re. mowing of coffin field. GM will reply that Moray Council has suitable equipment. 	<p>GM</p> <p>GM</p>
1.	<p>Muiry and Newforres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM to produce information sheet for Muiry litter bins. Still to do. GH will ask Moray Council if green litter bin could be provided for Sanquhar Mains car park. Meeting with Ian Suttie and Angus Dixon to discuss work at Muiry/Newforres will take place on 4th May, 9am. ET will request estimate from Bill McRitchie and Angus Dixon for improvement of paths. Date for tour of Muiry/Newforres with Mr. Suttie still to be arranged. SH to fix damaged trees at side of Mosset burn – done. SH said that the damage is likely to have been done by horses. 	<p>GM</p> <p>GH</p> <p>ET</p> <p>ET</p> <p>IS</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of bird boxes – GH will contact R&R Urquhart to inform that this is still outstanding and all path work is done. 	GH
2.	<p>Sanquhar and Bike Track.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ET said that the grass cutting at the coffin field can be done by Moray Council as they have new equipment. SH suggested that a strip along the path could be cut on a more regular basis with the billy goat to improve chance of wild flower growth. SH will draw up a plan of action. SH reported that the picnic table has been uprighted and repaired. Two work parties took place in April when new stakes and guards were put in place. This task will be continued next Saturday. ET will find out the cost of a post driver. WM has put information on web regarding rhododendron removal and GM has done the same in newsletter. GM, DP and SH will meet to produce final version of volunteer help sheet and risk assessment. GM will inform Wild Things that the Board approves of the designated fire sites and will also inform them of the impending spraying of rhododendrons. ET reported that John Young has been booked for a training course for track management. He is planning to organise a work party on 16th May to tidy up the track. He will let us know if more volunteers are required. ET and GH will have a meeting with John Young. ET reported that he is ready to start installing the new track sign posts. 	SH SH, ET GM, DP, SH GM ET, GH ET
3.	<p>Management Plan.</p> <p>Deferred as WM is absent. ET will resend the original plan to GM who will then forward it to the other Trustees. DP has expressed an interest to be involved in drawing up the plan.</p>	WM, ET, GM, DP
6.	<p>Financial Update.</p> <p>ET reported a closing balance of £32,302. £1509.00 has been paid out to A. Dixon. He said that landfill money is no longer available. Other sources of funding will have to be sought.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GH will finalise a drafted letter to be delivered to householders bordering the felled areas inviting donations towards the re-planting of the areas. This letter will also be sent/delivered to Trust members together with the newsletter. The Board decided not to take part in the Toun Merkat. 	GH, GM
8.	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 1st June 2015</p>	