

# FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Community Centre  
7.30pm on 24 August 2015



## MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Graham Hilditch (Chair), Steve Hull, Wilson Metcalfe, Don Wright Peter Graham, Eddie Tomkinson (minutes)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Gisela MacFarquhar, Susan Conti, Gareth Whymant</p>	
2.	<p><b>Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting held on 6 July 2015 –</b> none.</p> <p><b>Proposed - PG    Seconded - WM</b></p>	
3.	<p><b>Actions from Minutes of previous meeting.</b></p> <p>WM reported that work on developing maps of the woods continued. He has spoken with two map makers and is continuing to refine details before receiving firm quotations. It will be important to determine exactly what we require of our maps because this will impact on the cost. He needs to discuss certain aspects for the Management Plan with Gareth.</p> <p>ET reported that we are still waiting for 39 Engineers to advise whether they are able to assist in the removal of the tree breaching the burn. Their liaison officer is currently on deployment.</p> <p>We are still awaiting a quotation to carry out the coppicing work in both Muiry and Newforres woods.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>ET</p> <p>ET</p>
4.	<p><b>Correspondence.</b></p> <p>We have received donations from a number of residents in the Forres area contributing to the works of thinning and replanting in the Sanquhar Woodlands. ET will send thank you notes.</p> <p>ET reported that we had received a letter from the Forestry Commission requesting a report on the funding they granted from their Forestry Challenge Fund 'Woods In and Around Towns' (WIAT) and Forestry for People (F4P).</p> <p>They had been requested by their Head Office to carry out an audit since, of the £120,399.44 awarded only £63,862.80 was spent. Failure to carry out the works agreed could influence any future requests.</p> <p>A fully costed report was submitted by ET giving our explanation for the under-spend. Should anyone wish to read the report they should contact ET.</p> <p>Post-meeting note: We have received confirmation that our report is accepted and the Trust's failure to spend all the allocated monies will not reflect on any future requests.</p>	ET

	<p>An email was received via the website from Sonya Mould, a resident of Woodside Park, concerning the area adjacent to the entrance from Woodside Park. GH will respond by suggesting that they can carry out the work themselves under our guidance.</p> <p>WM reported that the picnic bench adjacent to the Sanquhar Mains car park had been damaged by someone using a barbeque fire tray on the surface. This had completely burnt through the wooden top.</p>	GH
5.	<p><b>Muiry and Newforres.</b></p> <p>There has been a work party lead by Ian Suttie which concentrated on path clearances.</p> <p>A work party is programmed for Wednesday 26 August using the brush cutter. WM felt that we should offer to meet some of the maintenance costs for the brush cutter. From memory we contributed about 20% of the capital cost. WM was collecting the cutter and will discuss this with the Dava Way group.</p>	WM
6.	<p><b>Sanquhar and Bike Track.</b></p> <p>Grove Forestry (Angus Dixon) has started spraying the rhododendrons and laurel. He considers they have sprayed around 80%, but none adjacent to the pools. Angus will be requested to have a site meeting W/B 31 August.</p> <p>The Moray Council plan to mow the Coffin Field on Wednesday 2 September. The area of special concern will be marked out to prevent mowing in those areas.</p> <p>The next work party will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of September.</p> <p>In the absence of Gareth and the need to prepare plans it was felt that any replanting of the cleared area would have to be delayed until next year.</p>	GH WM  ET  SH
7.	<p><b>Management Plan.</b></p> <p>This is work in progress and is coupled to the work on creating suitable maps of the woodlands. It was also decided to approach the Forestry Commission to see whether we could apply for any funding to help cover the cost.</p>	ET
8.	<p><b>Financial Update.</b></p> <p>The current bank balance stands at £ 29,836.85.</p>	
9.	<p><b>AOB.</b></p> <p>Notices are to be displayed in Sanquhar Wood asking people to take their litter off site.</p> <p>A provisional date of Wednesday 11th November 2015 was set for the AGM.</p>	GH ET
10.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting –</b></p> <p>Monday 28 September 2015 at the Community Centre at 19.30.</p>	

