

# FCWT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held at Forres Community Centre  
7.30pm on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016



## MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Donald Wright (chair), Eddie Tomkinson, Peter Graham, Dan Puplett, Susan Conti, Steve Hull, Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Wilson Metcalfe, Gareth Whyment</p> <p><b>Members of Sanquhar Loch Volunteer Group:</b> Brian McDonald, Peter Airey, Steve Sinclair, Donald Anderson</p>	
2.	<p><b>Presentation by Mr Brian McDonald on the Sanquhar Loch Project.</b></p> <p>This included a proposal for FCWT to adopt the area around the loch. See attached document.</p> <p>After the representatives of the Sanquhar Loch Volunteer Group left, the Board discussed the issues and implications of the proposal. It was decided that more consideration with the full Board is required. Further discussions were deferred to the next Board meeting.</p> <p>GM to send an acknowledgement.</p>	GM
3.	<p>The minutes of the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were adopted as correct.</p> <p><b>Proposed - PG      Seconded – DP</b></p>	
4.	<p><b>Actions and Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting.</b></p> <p>3a) ET said that he had been in contact with Captain Edward Brown who will be leaving soon. Captain Brown made it clear that 39 Engineers are keen to help and he will pass on our request. ET will get in touch with the new person in charge in due course.</p> <p>3c) ET said that he will meet with the contractor to do the flailing at Muiry next week. The job will be done during March.</p> <p>3i) ET reported that Bill McRitchie has cut down and removed the unsafe trees.</p> <p>3j) DW will further discuss the issues of change in Articles of Association and membership outside local area with Jamie Whittle.</p> <p>5a) ET and GM still to update and review payment methods of members.</p> <p>5c) ET reported that everything is up-to-date with Companies House and OSCR regarding names of directors and annual returns.</p> <p>5e) Action on info posters on ticks carried forward. DP will write article for newsletter.</p>	<p>ET</p> <p>ET</p> <p>DW</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GM,DP</p>
5.	<p><b>Correspondence.</b></p> <p>a. Forres Area Forum. Invitation to attend meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January. PG and GM will attend.</p> <p>b. Email from Mr&amp;Mrs Ferguson, thanking FCWT for having removed trees.</p> <p>c. Email from Community Woodlands Association regarding annual conference in Findhorn with proposal for involvement. GM to respond that FCWT is interested in participation.</p> <p>d. Email from Forres Gazette regarding KBM Builders Merchants funding award. FCWT have been awarded £300 towards the repair of the shelter and replacement of fence at Loch View. GM to reply to Tanya.</p> <p>e. Web-site message from Plunkett Foundation. DP will enquire what is involved and if it can benefit FCWT.</p>	<p>PG,GM</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GM DP</p>

	f. Email from Altyre Estates (via Fiona Chalmers) regarding Master Plan for Housing Development at Mannachie and Dallas Dhu. No action needs to be taken at this time.	
6.	<b>Muiry and Newforres.</b> ET reported that more tree guards had been removed and some drainage had been cleared during the last work party. Bill McRitchie considered the thinnings lying on the ground too old for use as firewood and will therefore not remove them.	
7.	<b>Sanquhar and Bike Track.</b> a. <b>Bike Track.</b> ET reported that John Young had inspected the bike track and found it in good order. The Forres Cycling Club is interested in arranging mountain biking events again this year. b. <b>Work Party.</b> SH reported that nobody turned up at the most recent work party. He cleared some of the areas due for replanting, but more needs to be done. The next work party will be on 6 <sup>th</sup> February. Volunteers should bring bow saws, loppers and something to kneel on. GM will send out emails to all members appealing for help. GM will also put up posters in library and entrances to the woods. c. <b>Tree Planting.</b> ET reported that the tree saplings will be sent out shortly. DW will discuss planting plan with GW. DP will ask Trees for Life if they can lend some extra tools. d. <b>Fence Replacement and Shelter Repair.</b> KBM have awarded £300 towards this. DW will clarify repair plan with GW. e. <b>Info Board and Mapping.</b> Deferred to next meeting as WM is absent.	GM  DW,DP  DW WM
8.	<b>Management Plan.</b> In WM's absence DW presented his suggestions which are: - The new management plan does not need to be as complex as the previous one and could be in the form of a word document. - The tree management part requires some expert input. - A first draft could be ready for the end of March meeting with input from other Board members. DP, SC, SH and PG offered to contribute. DW will report back to WM.	WM,DP, SC,SH, PG,DW
9.	<b>Financial Update.</b> ET reported a total of £28,268.07 in the account with all bills having been paid. FCWT is due to receive gift aid of around £800. Membership is now down to 77 from last year's 130. GM will appeal for new members in next newsletter.	GM
10.	<b>AOB.</b> a. <b>Forres Area Forum.</b> See correspondence (a). b. <b>Squirrel Translocation.</b> The Board agreed that an article about this could appear in the next newsletter which DP will write. c. <b>Dallas Dhu Project.</b> See correspondence (f). d. <b>Grass Dumping.</b> The Board agreed that there is no need to relocate grass cuttings from the coffin field which were dumped last year. In future it will be dumped in a less obvious place. e. <b>Plunkett Foundation.</b> See correspondence (e).	DP
11.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> – at the Community Centre on 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm	

