

FORRES COMMUNITY WOODLAND TRUST

Annual General Meeting held at Tolbooth Courtroom
7.30pm on 27st November 2019



MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1.	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Steve Hull, Dan Puplett, David Rooke, David MacFarquhar, Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes)</p> <p>Apologies: Gareth Whymant</p> <p>Trust members in attendance: Mrs Conti, Mr Graham, Mrs Shewan, Ms Shewan, Mr&Mrs Suttie, Mr Watson, Mr Younie</p> <p>Apologies from Trust members: Mr&Mrs S. Johnston, Mr&Mrs A Ross, Mr&Mrs D. Samuel, Mr&Mrs Phelvin-Scott, Mr Drury</p> <p>Members in attendance: 14 (including trustees)</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of last AGM. The minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2018 were presented and agreed as an accurate record, proposed by Peter Graham, seconded by Susan Conti.</p> <p>Matters arising from previous minutes. Item 7. AOB. Mr Suttie's suggestion to install an information board or provide promotional material at Muiry and New Forres has not yet been followed up. DW said that the Board will look into it this coming year.</p>	DW
3.	<p>Chairman's Report. The chairman's report was delivered by Donald Wright. He thanked his fellow trustees and all members of the Trust for their continued support, in particular Tom Ireland who has now retired from the Board.</p>	
4.	<p>Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was presented by Don Wright. The accounts were adopted by David MacFarquhar, seconded by Ian Suttie.</p>	
5.	<p>Election of Trustees. Gareth Whymant was re-elected as a trustee, proposed by Peter Graham, seconded by Chrissie Suttie. David MacFarquhar was elected as a trustee, proposed by Ian Suttie, seconded by Susan Conti.</p>	
6.	<p>Subscriptions. Subscriptions remain as in the previous year.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that the woodlands are much frequented and very popular although many users appear to be unaware that it is managed by volunteers and has charitable status. A number of suggestions were made regarding raising the profile of FCWT, increasing membership numbers and raising money from the users of the woodlands, for example the installation of an honesty box, putting up information boards or posters, putting up boxes for information leaflets, mail drops or an "adopt a tree" scheme. Mrs Conti suggested having a Christmas gift appeal, for people to purchase a year's membership as a Christmas gift. DW said that the board will discuss these options. 	DW

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Suttie said that the young gorse in the centre of the New Forres wood need cutting again and the surface of the paths is quite rough. DW said that the board will discuss this issue. • DW said that domestic waste is sometimes deposited at the car parks or in the bins at Muiry and New Forres. • Dan Puplett reported that the squirrel translocation programme to populate areas at the west coast organised by Trees for Life has been very successful. 	DW
	<p>The official part of the meeting closed at 9.00pm. The date of the next AGM will be sent out in due course.</p>	