

FORRES COMMUNITY WOODLANDS TRUST



Annual General Meeting held by zoom
7.30pm on 26th November 2020

MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1.	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Steve Hull, Dan Puplett, David MacFarquhar, Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes)</p> <p>Apologies: Gareth Whymant</p> <p>Trust members in attendance: Mrs S. Conti, Mr P Graham, Mr G.& Mrs H. Paul, Mr S & Mrs J Johnston, Mrs S Ralph, Mr W Metcalfe, Mr D Binney</p> <p>Apologies from Trust members: Mr&Mrs A Ross, Mr&Mrs Phelvin-Scott, Mrs N Shewan, Ms H Shewan, Mr H Younie, Mr I & Mrs C Suttie, Mr G Alexander</p> <p>Members in attendance: 14 (including trustees)</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of 2019 AGM. The minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2019 were presented and agreed as an accurate record, proposed by Mrs Conti, seconded by Mr P Graham.</p> <p>Matters arising from previous minutes.</p> <p>Item 7. AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before Christmas 2019 posters were put up at a number of entrances to the woodlands with a Christmas gift appeal. This was successful and resulted in 7 new memberships. Another appeal during lockdown resulted in a further increase of 7 memberships. • Information boards and provision of promotional material at Muiry and Newforres have now been arranged. The boards were constructed by the Men's Shed. Both materials and labour were provided free of charge. • The gorse in the central area of Newforres Wood was cut but showing signs of strong regrowth. The trustees discussed recently how to develop a more long term solution. 	
3.	<p>Chairman's Report. The chairman's report was provided in advance by Donald Wright. He thanked his fellow trustees and all members of the Trust for their continued support, in particular David Rooke who has now retired from the Board. David Rooke was responsible for the maintenance and safety inspections of the mountain bike tracks. He has agreed to continue with the safety inspections which are a requirement for our insurance policy.</p> <p>He mentioned the passing of Mr Chris Piper of the former chairman of the Trust who was one of the initial Trustees and served as Chairman from early 2002 to 2008 which was a period of very significant development for the Trust.</p> <p>He also mentioned the passing of Mr Bill McRitchie who for many years made himself available to carry out any jobs required from path improvements to removal of fallen trees.</p>	

4.	<p>Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was presented by Don Wright. The accounts were proposed for adoption by Mr D MacFarquhar, seconded by Mr W Metcalfe.</p>	
5.	<p>Election of Trustees. Mr David Binney was proposed as trustee by Mr Ian Suttie by proxy, seconded by Mrs G MacFarquhar. Mrs G MacFarquhar stood down as trustee having served for 3 consecutive terms of office. She will continue as secretary.</p>	
6.	<p>Subscriptions. Subscriptions remain as in the previous year.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr P Graham asked if the Coffin Field will be cut again next year. DW said that it was hoped that it could be done free of charge by private arrangement. This did not materialise. Next year the Trust will most probably engage Moray Council as in previous years. • M P Graham said that a metal post at the Woodend entrance to Sanquhar Wood was rusting. DW said that the board was aware of this and will take action. 	<p>DW</p> <p>DW</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.</p> <p>The date of the next AGM will be sent out in due course.</p>	