

FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Meeting held via Teams

7.30pm 5th September 2022

MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), Gareth Whymant, David Binney, David MacFarquhar, Paul Kendall, Steve Hull (joined later)</p> <p>Apologies: none</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 25th July 2022 The minutes were proposed by DM, seconded by GW.</p> <p>Actions arising from previous Minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree safety. GW to write report. DW will liaise with GW - ongoing. • Grass cutting in Coffin Field. DW has approached Forres Golf Club – ongoing. • Path maintenance. Ongoing • Planting of jubilee oak tree. Date to be arranged. 	<p>GW/DW DW</p> <p>DW GW</p>
4	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>Web</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd August, Lauren Findlay, asking about safety of bike track following stormy weather. GM responded saying that the state of the bike tracks is checked on a regular basis, that no report on damage has been received and that we presume that there is no problem. Advised to proceed with caution. • 21st August Graham Macpherson, asking for permission to remove parts of fallen tree at Sanquhar Mains car park. He would be happy to make a donation to the trust. GM agreed on condition that he will sign a statement of indemnity. 	
5	<p>Muiry and Newforres. GM had nothing to report. See item 6.</p>	
6	<p>Sanquhar.Wood.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GM Work Party Report. GM reported that on 6th August 5 volunteers were cutting Sitka spruce in Sanquhar Wood in area near Benromach bench. GM will be unable to hold a work party in October. 2. SH Work Party Report. SH reported on the following work parties – 8/8/22, cut 100 assorted sized sitka etc in area where GM had work party. 10/8/22, work party clearing sitka and laurel with one other volunteer. 25/8/22, cleared bracken around young trees. 	

	27/8/22, manned stall at FFWF open day.	
	<p>3. Litter at Bike Shelter. DB reported that he collected a small amount of rubbish.</p> <p>4. Boundary Policy. DW will send out the final draft to the trustees. In this context GW will re-visit the trees behind No 51 Mannachie Rise. It was agreed, that the final document should be delivered by hand to neighbouring householders together with a covering letter from DW.</p> <p>5. Bin. DW reported that Moray Council has installed a rubbish bin at the Woodend Entrance. It will be left for a trial period.</p> <p>6. Three camper vans have been observed in the Sanquhar Mains car park. To be monitored.</p> <p>7. Permission to cut wood. DW will make enquiries with insurance regarding the Trust's position when giving permission to 3rd parties to remove timber for firewood and use of chainsaws.</p> <p>8. Laurel and Rododendron eradication. DW reported that contractor has finished this year's work. SH reported that only 2/3 of the laurel at the burn side has been cut.</p> <p>9. SH will send an article about great crested newts to GM for publication in the next newsletter, to PK for facebook and to WM for web-site. This will not reveal where they have been located.</p>	DW GW DW DW DW
7	<p>Communications. Several members of the public communicated via web-site and email.</p>	
8	<p>Finance. DW reported a total of £ 26,486.66 including £10,000 previously held in a separate account.</p> <p>Payments received – 3 membership payments received, totalling £32.</p>	DW
9	<p>Membership. GM reported one new member Five names were removed from membership list. Total membership 80</p>	
10	<p>AOB. Open day at Forres Friends of Woods and Fields. Event was well attended. SH displayed FCWT information and activities. A number of people expressed interest. The date for the AGM was set for Thursday 10th November via Microsoft Teams.</p>	
11	<p>Date of next meeting. Board Meeting on 26th September 2022 via Microsoft Teams.</p>	