

FORRES COMMUNITY WOODLANDS TRUST



Annual General Meeting held by zoom
7.30pm on 17th November 2021

MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1.	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), Steve Hull, David MacFarquhar, Gareth Whymant, Paul Kendall, Mr David Binney</p> <p>Apologies: Dan Puplett,</p> <p>Trust members in attendance: Mrs S. Conti, Mr P Graham, Mr S & Mrs J Johnston, Mrs S Ralph, Mr A Ross, Mrs K Robertson</p> <p>Apologies from Trust members: Mr I & Mrs C Suttie, Mrs S.Conti, Mrs T Coffey, Mrs M Gordon, Mr&Mrs Samuel, Requests for Proxi vote were received from Mr&Mrs Suttie, Mr W Metcalfe</p> <p>Members in attendance: 14 (including trustees)</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of 2020 AGM. The minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2020 were presented and agreed as an accurate record, proposed by Mr P Graham, seconded by Mr A Ross.</p> <p>Matters arising from previous minutes. Item 7. AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutting grass in Coffin field. DW reported that two contractors who had agreed to do the job, had been approached unsuccessfully. Moray Council no longer carry out 3rd party grass cutting work. However, during the summer months volunteers cut what was needed with the brush cutter on a number of occasions. • Rusty Barrier Post. Again, there were difficulties in finding a contractor who would remove and replace it. It is in hand and the plan is to replace the metal post with a wooden one. 	
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 Dan Puplett who has now retired from the Board after having served for 7 years. With his expert knowledge as a naturalist he made valuable contributions to the Boards decision making and to the quality of the newsletter. He also thanked all the volunteers who continue to attend work parties both in Sanquhar Wood and the Muiry/Newforres Woods.</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 D Wright.</p>	

5.	<p>Election of Trustees. Mrs Gisela MacFarquhar was proposed by G Whyment, seconded by P Kendall. Paul Kendal was proposed by G MacFarquhar, seconded by S Hull Steve Hull was proposed by D Wright, seconded by D Binney.</p>	
6.	<p>Subscriptions. Subscriptions remain as in the previous year.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Kathleen Robertson asked if FCWT was to make any contribution to the tree planting for the Queen’s Jubilee next year. She said that the Community Council would like to acquire trees from the national Woodland Trust and have them planted by the local community including children. Aftercare would have to be agreed upon. Areas where the trees could be planted have not yet been decided upon. Details are to be discussed in the Green Spaces Group. GM said that if children were to be involved a considerable number of adult volunteers would be required. While FCWT might be able to support this, other green spaces groups would need to be involved. An area for planting could be the Common Good land on the western outskirts of Forres near Pilmuir. This had previously been suggested by Councillor George Alexander. SH said that there is space in Sanquhar Wood for ca 15 trees. However, this would be in a remote area. 	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.</p> <p>The date of the next AGM will be sent out in due course.</p>	