

# FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Meeting held via Teams**  
**7.30pm 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

## MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p><b>Present:</b> Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), Gareth Whymant, David Binney, David MacFarquhar, Steve Hull</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Paul Kendall</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022</b>                      The minutes were proposed by GW, seconded by DB.</p> <p><b>Actions arising from previous Minutes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tree safety.</b> GW to write report. GW has set up an excel file to be forwarded to DW - ongoing.</li> <li>• <b>Grass cutting in Coffin Field.</b> Insurance issue with Golf club still to be resolved. It may be too late in the year to cut grass now – ongoing.</li> <li>• <b>Path maintenance.</b> No response from Springfield - ongoing</li> <li>• <b>Planting of jubilee oak tree.</b> Trustees and volunteers to meet at 10.30am on 8<sup>th</sup> November to plant tree. DW will supply screws and drill, GW will supply tree, supporting material and spades. GM will inform volunteers. A commemorative plate will be attached at a later stage.</li> </ul>	<p>GW/DW</p> <p>DW DW</p> <p>DW, GW, GM</p>
4	<p><b>Correspondence.</b></p> <p><b>Web</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19/10 Alexander Shaw, re Sanquhar jumps. He reported that the jumps are in a dangerous state, particularly the larger jumps. DB will investigate.</li> </ul>	DB
5	<p><b>Muiry and Newforres.</b></p> <p>GM had nothing to report. The next work party is planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> December.</p>	
6	<p><b>Sanquhar Wood.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>SH Work Party Report.</b>                      15/10/22 Joint work party with FFWF cutting invasive Sitka and Western hemlock - 5 volunteers.                      29/10/22 cut laurel on slope that contractors had missed, probably because difficult to work on slope with chainsaw - 1 volunteer.                      30/10/22 Finished the above work - 1 volunteer.</li> <li>2. <b>Litter at Bike Shelter.</b>                      DB was not available to check in the past month.</li> <li>3. <b>Boundary Policy.</b> DW will send final draft of accompanying letter for distribution to GM. GM will arrange letter drop.</li> <li>4. <b>Laurel and Rododendron eradication.</b> DW reported that contractor has cut remaining laurel at the burn side. These have not been treated. Access is quite difficult. Regrowth will be monitored and</li> </ol>	DW, GM

	<p>treated if possible. Contractor has sent invoices for the current year. DW has forwarded these to the Berryburn Community Fund.</p> <p>5. <b>Safety Concerns for steps at foot bridge.</b> SH had reported that a member of the public had slipped and hurt himself when climbing up steps. The board decided not to take any action as the steep slope can be avoided and, for volunteers to carry out improvements would be complicated.</p>					
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Communications.</b></p> <p>WM continues to post news and pass on messages sent via the web. No invoice received for some time from Canary Dwarf.</p>					
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Finance.</b></p> <p>DW reported a total of <b>£ 16,845.11</b> in bank.</p> <p><b>Outgoing –</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>GARETH WHYMANT</td> <td>70.93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GROVES FORESTRY</td> <td>209.10</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Payments received –</b></p> <p>3 membership payments totalling £32. £25 donation towards tree removal at Sanquhar Mains car park.</p> <p>DW submitted invoice for rhododendron and laurel treatment to Berryburn.</p>	GARETH WHYMANT	70.93	GROVES FORESTRY	209.10	
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<b>9</b>	<p><b>Membership.</b></p> <p>GM reported one new member. 3 membership payment were received. 6 membership reminders were sent out. Total membership 82.</p>					
<b>10</b>	<p><b>AOB.</b></p> <p><b>AGM.</b> DW reported that invitation AGM appeared in Gazette. GM will email documents to Trust members. An abbreviated financial report will be available.</p> <p>As a special resolution to waive trustees' requirement to stand down after 3 consecutive periods of service was passed last year, trustees will continue with their service until more trustees can be elected on to the board.</p>					
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Board Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 via Microsoft Teams.</b></p> <p><b>AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 via Microsoft Teams.</b></p>					