

FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Meeting held via Teams

7.30pm 27th February 2023

MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), David MacFarquhar, Graham Shewan, Paul Kendall, Steve Hull, Gareth Whymant, David Binney</p> <p>Apologies: none</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 30th January 2023 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 has written report and passed it on to DW. DW will create an electronic map. • Path maintenance. DW reported that there has been no response from Springfield. No further action will be taken. 	DW
3	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>Email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/02/23 Jon Meldrum, quotes for path repairs (see item 5/9) • 16/02/23 Scott Black, Andersons Primary School, tree planting activity set for 17th March. GM has approached 7 volunteers to help. • 18/20/23 Chris Spencer, reporting windblown trees • Email to DW from Mick Drury, re larch overshadowing oak at edge of kennel field. GW will survey. DW will reply to Mick. 	GM DW/GW
4	<p>Muiry and Newforres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM reported that there hadn't been a work party in Muiry/Newforres this month. Instead, a work party took place in Sanquhar Wood. • DW reported that he and PK cleaned out bird boxes. 9 out of 10 boxes had been inhabited. There were signs of damage around the entry holes where original metal plates had been removed. • DW reported one hanging tree at neighbouring fence needing to be removed. GM will organise this at next work party. Dead tree in opposite direction of gate to be investigated. • DW reported vigorous growth of gorse in open areas. Will need to be cut near paths. 	GM
5	<p>Sanquhar Wood.</p> <p>1. SH Work Party Report.</p>	

12/2/23 clearing out nest boxes with PK, 2 vols. Some bird boxes were damp inside possibly due to a design fault. PK suggested they should be cleared out in autumn.

18/2/23 work party on FFWF land planting trees, 2 FCWT vols and 8 FFWF vols. Not actually on our land but they have helped a lot on ours.

19/2/23 Surveying tree wind blow, 1 vol.

20/2/23 Surveying tree wind blow, 1 vol.

22/2/23 Removing small Scots pine from track, 1 vol.

24/2/23 Removing sitka seedlings, 1 vol.

2. GM Work Party Report.

5 volunteers in Sanquhar Wood continued cutting small conifers near Benromach bench. Some of these have grown too large to cut with handsaws. Contractor will be engaged to take them down after the nesting season.

In the same area one volunteer disposed of ca 30 rhododendron by digging out or cutting back and treating stumps with glyphosate.

3. Gorse on main track at Sanquhar Mains. GS and DB reported that they cut back gorse along the track.

4. Work Party dates. PK proposed that work party dates should be posted on facebook with notice for potential volunteers to check as to where the work parties will take place. GM and SH will PK send details to PK – ongoing.

5. Work party posters. GM forwarded copy of poster to PK who will adapt it for Sanquhar and pass it on to SH.

6. Glyphosate certificate. PK said that he and Robbie Roberts could arrange a work party to treat rhododendrons.

7. Boundary Policy. GM reported that the boundary policy has been delivered to householders neighbouring Sanquhar Wood. A copy has also been emailed to members and a copy will be on the website.

8. Storm damage. SH reported that 7 trees had been blown over by the recent storm. A contractor has been engaged to make them safe. At the same time he will cut a leaning tree behind Mannachie Rise which a householder had requested. The householder will cut the gorse in that area.

9. Path repair. GM reported the following quote from contractor –
Sanquhar

Loch view entrance run offs £200 + £200 for subbase

Coffin field run off £50.

Entrance at Woodend path £150

Entrance to Woodside Park Path to widen £1600 + ca £600 for subbase

Delivery/drop off £60.

Total £2860

Sanquhar Mains car park £500 incl subbase

Muiry/Newforres car parks potholes plus a few metres to do up path £1800 + Subbase £350.

GM/SH/PK

SH/PK

PK

SH

	<p>Delivery/drop off sub-base £200. Roller would be hired for minimum week £350. Diesel £200.</p> <p>It was agreed that the path repair should go ahead. Another area to be added. GM will inform contractor. Applications for funding the repair of the car parks will have to be made separately.</p>	GM
6	<p>Communications. DW reported that an invoice from Canary Dwarf is still outstanding.</p>	DW
7	<p>Finance. DW reported a total of £ 20,674.35 Payments made £145 to Christie Elite for 100 stakes Payments received £23 3 membership payments £173.30 donation in memory of the late Mr Brian Wallace.</p>	
8	<p>Membership. 5 reminders were sent. 2 memberships were renewed. 1 new member Total membership 84.</p>	
9	<p>AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM reported that one neighbouring householder in Woodside Drive requested to have a Mirabel tree planted behind her property. The request was granted as it is within the scope of our boundary policy. • The Board discussed the use of Western Hemlock. GW said that it is not used for timber and therefore not of high value. That may be the reason why none of it was cut by the contractor during the last tree felling contract. If we wish to have any removed we might have to make a separate request. 	
10	<p>Date of next meeting. Board Meeting on 27th March 2023 via Microsoft Teams.</p>	