

FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Meeting held via Teams
7.30pm 27th March 2023**

MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), David MacFarquhar, Steve Hull, David Binney</p> <p>Apologies: Graham Shewan, Paul Kendall, Gareth Whymant</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 30th January 2023 The minutes were proposed by DB, seconded by SH.</p> <p>Actions arising from previous Minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree safety. DW said that the report is in hand. 	DW
3	<p>Correspondence. Email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8/3 Ewan Doig, invoice for tree work • 14/3 Scott Black, Andersons Primary, rearranged tree planting activity to 21st or 28th April • 14/3 Sam Morrison, Forres Victoria Indoor Bowling Club, re donation to FCWT following fundraising event on behalf of deceased member. DW and GM attended presentation. FCWT received donation of £461.21. • 17/3 Mr Boardman offering further sponsorship for bird box. GM ordered 4 bird boxes from Mens' Shed, two of them dedicated to sponsors, one to replace lost box in Newforres Wood. • 20/3 Chris Spencer, thanking for having leaning tree cut behind his property. 	GM
4	<p>Muiry and Newforres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM reported that a work party of 4 cleaned out run-offs on paths, dug out approximately 40 small or medium-sized rhododendrons and planted ca 20 trees in open spaces. • Cutting of gorse next to paths to be delayed till end of nesting season in August. 	GM
5	<p>Sanquhar Wood.</p> <p>1. SH Work Party Report. 25/3/23 - Dug up alder trees seeded into middle of northern end of coffin field and replanted near the long pond and old rubbish dump. Also dug up rhododendrons and cut small sitka and hemlock nearby. 3 volunteers.</p>	

	<p>26/3/23 - Put guards with stakes on alder trees and dug up rhododendron etc. 1 volunteer.</p> <p>2. Work party posters. SH reported that he has received volunteer work party posters from PK and put them up.</p> <p>3. Storm damage. DW reported that the storm damage had been taken care of and invoice from contractor has been received.</p> <p>4. Litter. DB reported that there hasn't been much litter at the hut recently. In particular he noted that there has been no broken glass.</p> <p>5. Bike Track. DB will check if growth along bike tracks needs cutting back.</p> <p>6. Path repair. GM reported that contractor will commence with path repair on Monday 3rd April.</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>GM</p>
6	<p>Communications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM reported that Newsletter issue 31 has been delivered. • GM reported that pictures of work party activities and oak planting have been forwarded to WM and PK for publication on web site and facebook. 	
7	<p>Finance. DW reported a total of £ 20,557.56</p> <p>Payments made £600 Eco Highland Tree Services for storm damage repair £60 Forres Mens' Shed for bird boxes</p> <p>Payments received £944.72 HMRC gift aid £58 5 membership payments £461.21 Forres Victoria Bowling Club donation (see item 3)</p>	
8	<p>Membership. 8 reminders sent 5 membership payments received 3 memberships deleted</p>	
9	<p>AOB. None.</p>	
10	<p>Date of next meeting. Board Meeting on 24th April 2023 via Microsoft Teams.</p>	