

# FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Meeting held via Teams**

**7.30pm 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

## MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p><b>Present:</b> Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), David MacFarquhar, Steve Hull, Graham Shewan, David Binney, Gareth Whymant</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Paul Kendall</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b> The minutes were proposed by DM, seconded by DW.</p> <p><b>Actions arising from previous Minutes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tree safety report.</b> The report format has been created. DW has returned it to GW for updating and he is working on a map of the border area concerned.</li> </ul>	DW/GW
3	<p><b>Correspondence.</b></p> <p><b>Mail</b> 30/3 Emma Gordon, Moray Council, re Local Place Plan. DW has emailed letter to trustees. Response is not necessary as it will not affect FCWT directly. However, it will be important to monitor any proposals.</p> <p><b>Email</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4/4 Michelle Gillibrand, FACT re Volunteer Marketplace on 26<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 to 12.00. This is in connection with The Big Help Out to mark the king's coronation. – Too short notice and no volunteers available.</li> </ul>	
4	<p><b>Muiry and Newforres.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GM reported that a work party of 4 removed ca 35 small or medium sized rhododendrons, planted ca 20 trees in open areas, cut and made safe one tree which was hanging over neighbouring fence, and installed a missing bird box in Newforres Wood.</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Sanquhar Wood.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>SH Work Party Report.</b> 29/3/23 Put up 3 nest boxes, 2 volunteers. 3/4/23 Restaked trees and removed some guards, 1 volunteer 18/4/23 Dug up rhododendrons, 3 volunteers</li> <li>2. <b>Andersons primary school tree planting activity.</b> GM reported that 18 children from class 5/6, two teachers and five FCWT volunteers spent an afternoon, planting trees in an area which was recently cleared of old tree stumps. Together over 50 tree saplings of rowan, elder, hazel, crab apple, blackthorn and rose were planted. The children participated with great enthusiasm and all had a good time. A helpful resident allowed heavy equipment to be taken through</li> </ol>	

	<p>their garden.</p> <p>3. <b>Litter.</b> DB reported that there hasn't been much litter at the hut, although there had been some broken glass.</p> <p>4. <b>Bike Track.</b> DB has checked some of the tracks and cut back invasive growth. Will do more.</p>	
	<p>5. <b>Fire at Mannachie.</b> A fire which had been reported in the press and on Facebook did not happen on FCWT territory.</p> <p>6. <b>Path repair.</b> GM reported that contractor has carried out the path maintenance work, scraping some areas, digging run-offs and putting hard core material on some of the stretches of path. It was felt that the hard core material was a bit too coarse for comfortable walking, but hopefully this will improve with time. GM will report back to TESCO and co-op community funds and then reapply for a new funding round.</p>	GM
6	<p><b>Communications.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GM reported that she has sent text and pictures of work parties, the tree planting activity and the path maintenance work to WM for putting on the web page, PK for facebook and to Garry McCartney for publication in the Gazette.</li> </ul>	
7	<p><b>Finance.</b> Total in bank £ 17,300.96</p> <p><b>Payments made</b> £3040 to Jon Meldrum contractor for path work £261.60 to Groves Forestry for glyphosate</p> <p><b>Payments received</b> £40 4 membership payments £5 Amazon Europe</p>	
8	<p><b>Membership.</b> No change.</p>	
9	<p><b>AOB.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GM will supply GS with more brochures for the newly installed brochure box at Sanquhar Mains car park as the first lot had gone in a short time.</li> <li>SH said that the steep track leading to the hut is very uneven. GM suggested that this could be attended to at the same time as the car park maintenance work.</li> <li>Trustees had difficulty signing into Microsoft teams for the Board meeting. DW said that the rules had changed and we need to check out what is required in future.</li> </ul>	GM/GS
10	<p><b>Date of next meeting.</b> <b>Board Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 via Microsoft Teams.</b></p>	