

FORRES COMMUNITY WOODLANDS TRUST



Annual General Meeting held by zoom
7.30pm on 10th November 2022

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: none</p> <p>Trust members in attendance: Mr Alex Ross, Mr Peter Graham, Mrs Jane Johnston</p> <p>Apologies from Trust members: Mr W Metcalfe, Mr Graham Shewan, Mr Mick Drury, Ms Joanna Legard, Mrs Susan Ralph, Mr Wilson Rennie, Ms Suzanne Quinney, Mrs Jean Samuel, Mrs Tina Coffey.</p> <p>Members in attendance: 10 (including trustees)</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of 2021 AGM. The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2021 were presented and agreed as an accurate record, proposed by Mrs J Johnston, seconded by Mr D MacFarquhar.</p> <p>Minutes of 2021 EGM. The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2021 were presented and agreed as an accurate record, proposed by Mr P Graham, seconded by Mr G Whymant.</p> <p>Matters arising from previous minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No matters arising. 	
3.	<p>Chairman's Report. The chairman's report was presented by Mr D Wright. He thanked his fellow trustees and all members of the Trust for their continued support. He also thanked all the volunteers who continue to attend work parties both in Sanquhar Wood and the Muiry/Newforres Woods, their volunteer sessions amounting to approximately 350 person hours in total. There are currently 84 memberships with 124 members. Of these, 40 are family memberships and 44 are single memberships.</p>	
4.	<p>Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was presented by Mr D Wright. The accounts were proposed for adoption by Mrs G MacFarquhar, seconded by Mr D Wright.</p>	

5.	<p>Election of Trustees. Mr D Wright proposed that the resolution passed at the EGM of 17th November 2021 should be upheld. The amendment states that the requirement for a retiring Trustee to be limited to three consecutive terms of office and to take one year out after the completion of three terms according to Article 34(c), shall be waived temporarily while there is a shortage of replacements due to the low number of trustees. Seconded by Mr G Whymant.</p> <p>Steve Hull was re-elected, proposed by Mrs G MacFarquhar, seconded by Mr Gareth Whymant Gareth Whymant was re-elected, proposed by Mr D Binney, seconded by Mr A Ross. David MacFarquhar was re-elected, proposed by Mr P Graham, seconded by Mrs J Johnston.</p> <p>All current trustees will continue in their role.</p> <p>Mr Graham Shewan was nominated as trustee by Mr S Hull, seconded by Mr D Wright.</p>	
6.	<p>Subscriptions. Subscriptions remain as in the previous year.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr D Wright reported that, due to the closure of the HUB, FCWT will have to change their registered address and contact details. • Mr W Metcalfe pointed out that the information given on the footer of FCWT letters needs updating. • Mr D MacFarquhar asked if the bike jumps were still being checked regularly to comply with insurance regulations. Mr D Wright said that he will contact the Moray Mountain Biking Club who had offered help with this in the past. Mr G Whymant will explore other possibilities. • Mr D Wright reported that campervans using Sanquhar Mains car park have been observed with increasing frequency. It appears that car parks like these feature on a campers' website as suggestions for free camping. It is not practical to erect height restrictions as that would also restrict vehicles with bikes and other groups arriving in vans who wish to use the woods. 	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.</p> <p>The date of the next AGM will be sent out in due course.</p>	