

FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Meeting held via Teams

7.30pm 25th September 2023

MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), David MacFarquhar, Steve Hull, Gareth Whymant, Paul Kendall</p> <p>Apologies: Graham Shewan, David Binney</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 4th September 2023 The minutes were proposed by GW, seconded by DW.</p> <p>Actions arising from previous Minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tree safety report. GW and DW finalizing the report. <input type="checkbox"/> Lock replacements. DW reported that he has replaced two key locks with combination locks at Sanquhar Wood barriers. The code has been passed on to Scottish Ambulance, the Scottish Fire Service, the police, and the Trustees. The key locks at Muiry and Newforres car parks will remain in place for the time being. <input type="checkbox"/> Laurel cutting and treatment. GM will contact contractor during winter months. Ongoing. 	GW/DW
3	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>WEB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 4/9 Mick Drury, Forres Friends of Woods and Fields, asking to have 3 trees which are leaning over burn onto FFWF's land felled prior to open day. DW arranged felling. <input type="checkbox"/> 19/9 Neil Henderson, Community Ownership Statistics, asking to confirm ownership of Sanquhar Wood, Coffin Field, and Muiry Wood. GM confirmed and pointed out that FCWT also own Newforres Wood. DW will confirm title deeds with solicitor. <p>EMAIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 21/9 Carol Anderson Landscape Associates, re Moray Woodland and Forestry Strategy. Report acknowledged. 	DW
4	<p>Muiry and Newforres. GM work party report. No work party has taken place since last meeting. The next work party will be in Sanquhar Wood continuing with laurel cutting.</p>	
5	<p>Sanquhar Wood.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SH Work Party Report. 15/9 Salvaged tree guards and tree stakes from some trees planted in inappropriate places near Woodend and now dead. 1 Vol. 	

	<p>2. PP5 tree guards. SH reported that he has sourced Grays Recycling Services, Fochabers, a company who recycle plastic PP5 tree guards. SH will assess the extent of the surplus.</p> <p>3. Litter. No update.</p> <p>4. Unsafe trees along burn. Contractor indicated a number of unsafe trees along burn which is bordering on FFWF land. GW will survey the trees.</p> <p>5. Maintenance of Jumps. As growth of trees and shrubs is now so dense cutting with brush cutter is no longer practical. Treatment with glypogosate to be considered. DW to discuss options with contractor.</p> <p>6. Benches. GM will contact contractor re erection of two further benches.</p>	<p>SH</p> <p>GW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>GM</p>
6	<p>Communications. No update.</p>	
7	<p>Finance. Total in bank £16,687.31 Payments made £60.00 Kevin MacLean, laurel cutting £120.00 Kevin MacLean, tree surgery £62.06 Donald Wright, combination locks £20.00 Steve Hull, First Aid Kit</p>	
8	<p>Membership. GM reported no change in membership. All payments are up-to-date.</p>	
9	<p>AOB. AGM. To be held online on 9th November. GM will prepare documents. DW will organize accounts and put notice in paper. Deadline 19th October.</p>	
10	<p>Date of next meeting. Board Meeting on 30th October 2023 via Microsoft Teams. AGM on 9th November 2023 via Microsoft Teams.</p>	