

FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Meeting held via Teams
7.30pm 30th October 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, David Binney</p> <p>Apologies: Graham Shewan</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 25th September 2023 The minutes were proposed by DW, seconded by GW.</p> <p>Actions arising from previous Minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree safety report. GW and DW finalizing the report. • Title Deeds. DW will check title deeds with solicitor re. recording of ownership of Muiry Wood and Newforres Wood, and ownership of trees on land to the south of main track leading from Sanquhar Mains car park to Flood alleviation scheme. • Unsafe trees along burn. GW will survey unsafe trees along burn which is bordering on FFWF land. • Maintenance of Jumps. DW to discuss options with contractor. 	<p>GW/DW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>GW</p> <p>DW</p>
3	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>WEB 23/10/23 Calum Clark, Development Officer at the Health and Social Care ALLIANCE Scotland who champion the work of the third sector across the country and work closely with health boards, councils and the Scottish Government. Mr Clark is leading on a case study project called 'Connected Communities', which looks at examples of best practice within integration across the third sector. Also keen to highlight partnership working across organisations. The case study would be shared on the ALLIANCE's website and social media sites, and thereafter, would draw out the learning from it to share with relevant stakeholders such as the Scottish Government. DW responded expressing interest. PK will contact Mr Clark and produce a document.</p> <p>EMAIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/10/23 Sarah Rollo, Ena Baxter Foundation. GM made enquiries re funding for a tree carving project. Ms Rollo established that it doesn't fit their funding objectives. They are looking for community participation, providing materials rather than funding artist's time. As an alternative she suggested the Newbold Legacy Trust who fund projects in Forres Academy catchment area, including arts projects. GM will apply at next round of applications in spring 2024. 	<p>PK</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/10/23 co-op Community Fund, application for funding unsuccessful. • 23/10/23 easyfundraising TESCO Groundwork Strategy launch 2023 – 2028. GM occasionally forwards promotional material to PK or WM for publication on facebook or website, or makes references in newsletter. We now have 5 subscribers. • 24/10/23 Peter Scullion, Berryburn Community Fund, requesting update on laurel and rhododendron treatment. GM responded, explaining change of strategy, including invoices for glyphosate and labour. • 28/10/23 Angus Dixon, to arrange meeting to discuss treatment of laurel and rhododendron at Mosset Burn and Coffin Field lochan. 	GM
4	<p>Muiry and Newforres. GM work party report. No work party required.</p>	
5	<p>Sanquhar Wood.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SH Work Party Report. 30/09/23 clearing sitka, rhododendron and hemlock, and clearing rubbish. 4 vols. 19/10/23 Checking for hung up trees. 1 vol. 20/10/23 Cutting tree trunk off of bike track. 1 vol. SH requested a wire cutter to remove obsolete wire. DW will purchase one. 2. GM Work party Report. Cancelled due to weather conditions. 3. Litter. There has been an increase in litter at the hut and other areas, and more planks have been removed from the structure. DB will attend litter issue. 4. Storm damage. DW will ask contractor to make safe windblown trees. 5. Benches. Contractor has agreed to erect of two further benches. 	DW GW DW
6	<p>Communications. No update.</p>	
7	<p>Finance.</p> <p>30/10/23 Total in bank £ 15,931.78</p> <p>Payments made</p> <p>2/10/23 Zurich insurance £743.13</p> <p>16/10/23 Highland News, AGM notice £20.40</p> <p>Payments received</p> <p>9/10/23 membership £8.00</p>	
8	<p>Membership. GM reported no change in membership. 1 membership renewed.</p>	

9	AOB. AGM. To be held online on 9 th November. All relevant documents and Teams link have been sent out to members.	
10	Date of next meeting. AGM on 9th November 2023 via Microsoft Teams. Board Meeting on 27th November 2023 via Microsoft Teams.	