

FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Meeting held via Teams
7.30pm 26th February 2024

MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), David MacFarquhar, Gareth Whymant, Paul Kendall, David Binney, Graham Shewan</p> <p>Apologies: Steve Hull</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 29th January 2024 The minutes were proposed by DB, seconded by PK.</p> <p>Actions arising from previous Minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree safety report. GW and DW finalizing the report – ongoing. • Maintenance of jumps – no progress • Title deeds – ongoing. 	<p>GW/DW DW DW</p>
3	<p>Correspondence. EMAIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/2/24 Angus Dixon, contractor – see item 5/3. • 9/2/24 Sam Moore, Treewiseforestry- see item 5/8. • 14/2/24 To Nigel Campbell, The Northern Meeting Charity - see item 5/8 • 20/2/24 PK, re. damage to bridge at top end of Sanquhar Pond. GM advised to report to Moray Council. • 22/2/24 Calum Clark, The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland, requesting signature on consent form. GM will respond. • 23/2/24 Helen Janusek, Data & Administration Officer FACT thanking for £50.00 annual donation from Forres Community Woodland Trust in recognition of allowing the use their address as postal contact. • 	<p>GM</p>
4	<p>Muiry and Newforres. DB used brushcutter to cut gorse beside paths and around newly planted trees in Muiry Wood.</p>	
5	<p>Sanquhar Wood.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SH Work Party Report. 3/2/24 Cleaned out nest boxes in Sanquhar woods, also in New Forres and Muiry woods - 2 vols. 13/2/24 Dealt with young trees requiring attention along northern boundary following storms - 1 vol. 16/2/24 As above - 1 vol. 18/2/24 As above - 1 vol. 20/2/24 As above - 1 vol. 19/2/24 Put up robin nest box in holly tree and removed some wire from around another holly tree - 2 vols. 	

	<p>24/2/24 Joint work party with FFWF volunteers on FCWT land clearing smallish Sitka and Western hemlock - 11 vols. (2 FCWT volunteers and 9 FFWF volunteers.)</p> <p>2. GM Work Party Report. 2/3/24, 4 volunteers continued digging out rhododendron and cutting laurel near Mannachie/Loch View entrance.</p> <p>3. Laurel and Rhododendron Eradication.</p>	
	<p>GM reported that Angus Dixon, contractor, confirmed that he will commence with rhododendron treatment at coffin field lochan.</p> <p>4. Benches. GM reported that contractor is currently unable to erect the benches due to issues with his equipment.</p> <p>5. Litter at shelter. DB reported that there was no rubbish at the shelter on his most recent inspection.</p> <p>6. Storm damage. SH reported that contractor has dealt with some of the storm damage. More needs to be done. GM will contact contractor.</p> <p>7. Maintenance of nesting boxes. SH and PK carried out maintenance – see work party report.</p> <p>8. Tree carving project. GM reported that she met with contractor who advised that the cost for two operators to fell a tree and transport it to site in coffin field would be £500 + vat. Logs can be arranged to keep tree off the ground. GM sent application to The Northern Meeting Charity for grant for tree carving totalling £2400.</p> <p>9. Buffer zone. GM will contact contractor for quote to have Western Hemlock felled at Woodend and Mannachie.</p>	<p>GM</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GM</p>
6	<p>Communications. PK suggested that more information should be put on facebook.</p>	
7	<p>Finance. Total in Bank £ 16,693.86</p> <p>Out Annual standing order payment to FACT £50.00</p> <p>In Donation/membership £57.00 Easyfundraising £18.47</p>	
8	<p>Membership – no change.</p>	
9	<p>AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM reported a large ladder and large selection of plant pots stored on FCWT land behind private property. DW will contact owner. GM proposed a stall at Toon Merkat Sat 1st June. 	<p>DW GM</p>
10	<p>Date of next meeting. Board Meeting on 25th March 2024 via Microsoft Teams.</p>	