

FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Meeting held via Teams
7.30pm 25th March 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 26th February 2024 The minutes were proposed by DB, seconded by DM.</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. • Objects left by householder – DW to write to owner. 	<p>GW/DW DW DW DW</p>
3	<p>Correspondence. EMAIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27/2/2024 to Peter Scullion, Berryburn Fund, breakdown of expenses regarding the eradication of laurel and rhododendron. Received forwarded message by Mr Scullion to Sandra @ Berryburn admin on 3/3 asking for clarification. 24/3 GM sent further clarification, breakdown of expenses. • 13/3/2024 Nigel Campbell, The Northern Meeting Charity, grant application for tree carving project rejected, does not fulfil charity's main objectives. • 15/3/2024 application sent to the Newbold Legacy Trust for tree caving project. • 18/3/2024 Liz Thompson, asking for advice on how to discourage badgers in the garden. GM responded. • 24/3/24 CWA offer of tick posters and leaflets. GM responded, requesting 100 leaflets and 20 posters. 	<p>GM</p>
4	<p>Muiry and Newforres. Muiry/Newforres survey. GM reported that there is no urgent work required. The paths have been cleared of gorse by DB last summer and 1 month ago with Billy goat. DB also cut gorse round newly planted trees. There has been no regrowth of laurel or rhododendron from plants which had previously been cut and treated. A few very small saplings of rhododendron in area bordering Cathay Wood were pulled up. A few slightly more developed plants will have to be dug out. A work party is planned to do this in May or June. The potholes in the car parks are getting bigger. No funding available at present for repair as both co-op and TESCO community funding currently appear to provide exclusively for projects in connection with children.</p>	

	<p>There was a small amount of rubbish in car park area, mostly non-biodegradable tissues, even though bins were not full.</p> <p>DW proposed paying for repair work out of Trust's funds.</p> <p>GW will investigate if gravel/grit could be made available from Altyre Estates.</p> <p>GM will check quote from contractor.</p>	<p>GW</p> <p>GM</p>									
5	<p>Sanquhar Wood.</p> <p>1. SH Work Party Report. 25/2/24 - Cleared smallish Sitka etc. from woods at back of Woodside Drive - 1 Vol. 14/3/24 - Cleared up big load of plastic sheeting that had been dumped in woods - 1 Vol. 16/3/24 - Various tree care replacing stakes etc.- 1 Vol. 23/3/24 - Work party cleared smallish Sitka etc. in woods. - 3 Vol.</p> <p>2. GM Sanquhar Work Party Report. 4 volunteers dug up large patch of rhododendron and a number of smaller ones, plus cut and treated some laurel. Large area of rhododendron and laurel behind Woodend can be treated as there is no sign of badger activity. GM will contact contractor.</p> <p>3. Benches. GM reported that contractor will erect the benches later this month.</p> <p>4. Litter at shelter. DB reported that there was not much rubbish at the shelter on his most recent inspection. GM provided photos of fire damage, holes in floor and missing planks. GW, GS and DB agreed to attempt repair and remove debris.</p> <p>5. Tree carving project. GM sent application for project funding to The Newbold Legacy Trust.</p> <p>6. Buffer zone. GM and GW reported on meeting with contractor to discuss the felling of Western hemlock at Woodend and Mannachie Rise. He suggested that the area behind Mannachie Rise should be extended beyond what was necessary for keeping a safe distance from the houses as the area would become vulnerable to wind damage. The contractor will send a quote for the standing timber. Some of it would be chipped and some would be sold to a sawmill for timber.</p> <p>7. Fence Post repair. GS and GW will replace broken fence post at Mannachie entrance.</p>	<p>GM</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GW,GS,DB</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GS/GW</p>									
6	<p>Communications.</p> <p>A number of messages have been put on Facebook.</p> <p>GM has drafted a newsletter.</p>	<p>GM</p>									
7	<p>Finance.</p> <p>Total in Bank £ 17,036.30</p> <p>In</p> <table> <tr> <td>06 Mar 24</td> <td>HMRC Gift Aid</td> <td>292.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20 Mar 24</td> <td>donation</td> <td>40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25 Mar 24</td> <td>membership payment</td> <td>10.00</td> </tr> </table>	06 Mar 24	HMRC Gift Aid	292.44	20 Mar 24	donation	40.00	25 Mar 24	membership payment	10.00	
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8	Membership – no change.	
9	AOB. Toon Merkat Friday 7 th June. GM will book a space. Brochures and information leaflets on ticks will be handed out. GM will prepare some activities. GM, PK and GW will attend.	GM
10	Date of next meeting. Board Meeting on 29th April 2024 via Microsoft Teams.	