

FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Meeting held via Teams
7.30pm 27th May 2024

MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), Steve Hull, David MacFarquhar, David Binney, Graham Shewan, Gareth Whymant, Paul Kendall</p> <p>Apologies: none</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 29th April 2024 The minutes were proposed by DM, 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. • Sick dog at Muiry – DW contacted Mac Hindley with info about use of pesticides. • Objects left by householder – no action taken for now. 	GW/DW
3	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>WEB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30/04/24, Danielle Quist, planning to hold regular Guided Forest Bathing Walks, occasionally using Muiry Woods. The events are small, low key, quiet and very respectful of plant life and wildlife. The practice is to develop mindfulness and connection overall to nature. GM replied - In principle notification not required. However, we are grateful to organisations who are holding events in our woods to keep us informed, just in case they clash with other planned events and also to give us an idea of the benefit people get from using our woods. We also like to let members know about such events in our newsletter. • 13/5/24 Rachel Middleton, volunteer with the Scottish Wildlife Trust. Starting a Wildlife Watch group in the Forres area to get young people out in nature and teach them about the local wildlife. We would love to use Sanquar Woods and maybe some other Forres Community Woodlands for some of our meetings. We plan to meet once a month on a Saturday for a couple of hours, starting in the summer. We would be very happy to share photos and reports with you. Perhaps there also might be projects we could help you with in the woods? E.g. litter picks, wildlife monitoring? GM replied re litter picking, volunteer work, wildlife monitoring. <p>EMAIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30/4/24 Sam Moore, contractor – hasn't been able to find a market for the saw logs, no demand for western hemlock at the moment, 	

	<p>offering £8/t for the chipwood for the timber standing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/5/24 Newbold Legacy Trust - request for funding to create a woodcarving feature unsuccessful. 11/4/24 Nicole Merrilees - concerns regarding large Oak tree with branches over boundary fence, requesting reassessment of the tree for safety reasons. GW will assess tree. 21/5/24 Michelle Gilliebrand, FACT, grant received from the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund to promote the heritage buildings and cultural events and activities by Forres Connected-Culture and Heritage. Asking if interest in being involved in promoting the Heritage of Forres. 26/5/24 Rachel, toun mercat, confirmed that we have a stall reserved. Positions are being finalised this weekend, confirmation early next week. 26/5/24 me to Angus Dixon, asking for date of next laurel spraying work in Sanquhar Wood. 26/5/24 to Angus Dixon, re felling of Western hemlock and Douglas fir, meeting on Friday 	<p>GW</p> <p>GM</p>
4	<p>Muiry and Newforres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work party report. 	
5	<p>Sanquhar Wood.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> SH Work Party Report. 10/5/24 - Removed wire from some trees & cut some bracken and small Sitka.1 vol. 26/5/24 - Cut bracken and small Sitka from around some planted trees. 1 vol. GM Sanquhar Work Party Report. No work party report. Laurel treatment. GM contacted contractor re summer spraying (see email) Litter at shelter. GM reported some litter at shelter. Repair of post and shelter. GS reported he will replace rotted post at Mannachie entrance. GS and GW will work on shelter repair. Buffer zone. GM will contact Angus Dixon re quote for felling of Western hemlock at Woodend and Mannachie Rise. GW will enquire about prices for Western hemlock and Douglas fir. Maintenance of Jumps. DW said the growth at the jumps should be cut in time for summer holidays. He reported that he has been unable to find a flail contractor. Will try and find someone who could do it manually. GS agreed to check the condition of the bike track. 	<p>GM</p> <p>GS, GW</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>GS</p>
6	<p>Communications.</p> <p>No news.</p>	

7	<p>Finance.</p> <p>Total in Bank £ 16,586.10</p> <p>In 4 membership payments 32.00</p> <p> Monthly donation 40.00</p> <p> Easyfundraising (online shopping) 19.80</p> <p>Out Forres Community Association – toun mercat 25.00</p>	
8	<p>Membership.</p> <p>4 subscriptions renewed</p> <p>8 reminders sent out</p> <p>4 memberships not renewed</p> <p>Total 106 memberships</p>	
9	<p>AOB.</p> <p>Toun Mercat Friday 7th June.</p> <p>GM has prepared some activities. Badges, key rings and coasters for prices.</p> <p>PK will provide photos and stands for posters and photos.</p> <p>Table to be picked up from town hall prior to event.</p> <p>GM, PK and DB will attend. 2 members have volunteered to attend.</p>	GM
10	<p>Date of next meeting.</p> <p>Board Meeting on 24th June 2024 via Microsoft Teams.</p>	