

FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Meeting held via Teams
7.30pm 26th August 2024

MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), Steve Hull, David MacFarquhar, Graham Shewan, Gareth Whyment, Paul Kendall</p> <p>Apologies: David Binney</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 24th June 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 – pending. 	GW/DW
3	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>EMAIL</p> <p>Web</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/08/24 Val Treen, Woodside Park, requesting trees behind property to be surveyed. Concern regarding some tall trees swaying in heavy winds. GM to provide GW with exact location to survey. • 17/08/24 Stephen Watt, reporting extensive digging and littering in grid square H6, Woodend area presumably carried out by youths building jumps and trails for mountain bikes. The board decided to monitor but not to take action at present. <p>Email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/8/24 Tesco Groundwork £1500 granted. 	GM/GW
4	<p>Muiry and Newforres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/7/24, 4 volunteers combing through Muiry Wood, removing many small rhododendron and a number of mature ones. • DW stated that the track between Council wood and Muiry Wood which act as a fire break is now overgrown with shrubbery. GM will investigate. 	GM
5	<p>Sanquhar Wood.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SH Work Party Report. 8/6/24 cut bracken around young planted trees. 3 vols. 15/6/24 as above. 1 vol. 2. GM Sanquhar Work Party Report. 3/8/24, 4 volunteers, behind Woodside Drive where trees were planted recently, cleared area of coppicing sycamore. 3. Buffer Zone. GM to complete felling license for Western Hemlock and Douglas fir. 4. Coffin Field. DB to cut fringes of coffin field with Billy goat. 5. Maintenance of Jumps. DW reported that the contractor has cut 	GM DB

	<p>back growth around bike jumps. The contractor will apply weedkiller in spring. DB will carry out further remedial work.</p> <p>6. Hut repair. GS to be refunded for purchase of timber.</p> <p>7. Grass cutting at coffin field. DW to make further enquires to find contractor.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>DB</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW</p>
	<p>8. Bike tracks. GS reported that he made a start on stimming sides of bike tracks. Reminder – FCWT is not insured for use of power tools. GS also reported that unknown persons have cleared growth at the side of bike tracks.</p> <p>9. Ambulance access. DW reported that an ambulance was unable to access tracks as they didn't have a key or code to open locks. DW will remind the ambulance service of the number of the combination lock.</p> <p>10. Overhanging oak. GW inspected the oak and stated that it needs attention. He will contact a tree surgeon.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>GW</p>
5	<p>Communications.</p> <p>GM sent out a newsletter at the end of June. DW reported that the web contact is working. Messages from the public are forwarded.</p>	
7	<p>Finance.</p> <p>Total in Bank £ 14,915.76</p> <p>Out</p> <p>Groves brush cutting bike jumps 1,056.00 Groves rhododendron and laurel treatment 960.00</p> <p>In</p> <p>Easyfundraising £30.66 Monthly donations £40.00 x 2 £80.00 Membership payments £62.00</p>	
8	<p>Membership.</p> <p>No change.</p>	
9	<p>AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PK reported that WildThings! are running activities in Sanquhar Wood for Applegrove Primary School and Pilmuir Primary School in the new school term, and also occasional teenage groups of up to 12. Phase 2 Forres Connected-Culture and Heritage, re email from 21/5/24. No one was available for meeting in town hall. However, DB met Arianne and will keep the Board informed about developments. Car park repair. As the TESCO grant is designated to be used for car repair, GM will check up on quote from contractor. Re. email from Mick Drury, FFWF, grant application to the Neighbourhood Ecosystem Fund. DW to inquire about progress. 	<p>DB</p> <p>GM</p> <p>DW</p>
10	<p>Date of next meeting.</p> <p>Board Meeting on 30th September 2024 via Microsoft Teams.</p>	