

FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Meeting held via Teams

7.30pm 30th September 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, David Binney</p> <p>Apologies: None.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 26th August 2024 The minutes were proposed by DW, 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 – pending. <p>Actions arising from last minute.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsafe tree. 14 Woodside Park. GW to survey. • Overhanging branches from oak at Woodside Park. GW surveyed. Tree surgeon required to remove branches. GW to investigate. • Track between Council Wood and Muiry Wood overgrown with shrubbery. DB will attempt to cut gorse with Billy Goat. 	<p>GW/DW</p> <p>GW</p> <p>GW</p> <p>DB</p>
3	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>WEB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26/8/24 Kat Labuschagne, offering donation to create a memorial area, e.g. planting trees, following recent death in family. GM responded asking for more specific ideas. <p>EMAIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/9/24 Steve Smirthwaite, Mountain Bike Orienteering. Schedule for event has been changed from June 2026 to September 10/9/2026 on day of 30-minute race. Projected donation to FCWT ca £200. GM responded. Will ask if any volunteers might be available to help FCWT with surveying and maintaining bike tracks. • 2/9/24 Rachel, Wildlife Watch Group. She supplied map of where their group will meet. GM replied stating that it is not on FCWT land but FFWF. • 6/9/2-24, Angie Alexandra, celebrant based in Forres. Held wedding ceremony at Sanquhar. The couple made a donation to FCWT of £50. GM accepted donation. • 23/9/24 Mick Drury, Forres Friends of Woods and Fields, to say that grant was rejected (see minutes 24/6/24 AOB). • 20/9/24 Ian Lewis, tree at the rear of property (49 Mannachie Rise) impacting on satellite reception. Request to have the tree pruned or removed. GW to survey. 	<p>GM</p> <p>GM</p> <p>GW</p>
4	<p>Muiry and Newforres. No work party.</p>	

	<p>GM to request from contactor if quote for car par repairs is still standing. Sanquhar car park £500 Sub-base £200 Delivery/drop off £60 Muiry 2 x car parks £1800 Sub-base £350 Delivery/drop off £150 Roller for all three jobs £350</p>	GM															
	<p>Diesel £200 Total £3610 DW will investigate other options of contractor.</p>	DW															
5	<p>Sanquhar Wood.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SH Work Party Report. 28/9/24 Removed cut vegetation covering wildflower areas in coffin field - 3 volunteers. 2. GM Sanquhar Work Party Report. 3/8/24 cleared area of coppicing sycamore behind Woodside Drive where trees were planted 5 years ago, 4 volunteers. 3. Buffer Zone. GM completed felling license for Western Hemlock and Douglas fir. 4. Bird Boxes. DW suggested replacing damaged bird boxes. PK will send a design to DW. 5. Grass cutting at coffin field. DW reported that an agricultural co-op may be able to cut and lift grass next year. 6. Barrier locks. DW reported that he has informed the ambulance and fire services of codes for access to Sanquhar Wood. 	PK/DW															
5	<p>Communications. No update.</p>																
7	<p>Finance. Total £ 15,448.16</p> <p>Out</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>16/9/24</td> <td>Groves Forestry, grass cutting coffin field</td> <td>£699.60</td> </tr> </table> <p>IN</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>20/9/24</td> <td>monthly donation</td> <td>£40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9//9/24</td> <td>TESCO Groundwork</td> <td>£1,125.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11/9/24</td> <td>WOODHAM J & AA DONATION (no address details)</td> <td>£35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Memberships</td> <td>£32.00</td> </tr> </table>	16/9/24	Groves Forestry, grass cutting coffin field	£699.60	20/9/24	monthly donation	£40.00	9//9/24	TESCO Groundwork	£1,125.00	11/9/24	WOODHAM J & AA DONATION (no address details)	£35.00		Memberships	£32.00	
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8	<p>Membership. No change.</p>																
9	<p>AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date for AGM – Thursday 7th November 2024 via Microsoft Teams GM to prepare documents. DW to put notice in Forres Gazette 	GM DW															
10	<p>Date of next meeting. Board Meeting on 28th October 2024 via Microsoft Teams.</p>																