

FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Meeting held via Teams
7.30pm 28th October 2024

MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), Steve Hull, David MacFarquhar, Paul Kendall</p> <p>Apologies: Graham Shewan, Gareth Whymant, David Binney</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 30th September 2024 The minutes were proposed by DM, seconded by SH.</p> <p>Actions arising from previous Minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree safety report. GW and DW finalizing the report – pending. • 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. • Tree obstructing satellite reception at 49 Mannachie Rise. GW to investigate. 	<p>GW/DW GW GW GW</p>
3	<p>Correspondence. EMAIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/10/24 Coop community funding, application for funding rejected. • 10/10/24 GM to Sandra Mitchel, Berryburn Community Fund. GM sent two invoices for laurel and rhododendron treatment carried out this year to be refunded. Sandra acknowledged receipt. • 24/10/24 Steve Smirthwaite, re help with MTB survey and maintenance. He will ask club members via the club weekly email. 	<p>GM GM</p>
4	<p>Muiry and Newforres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM reported no work party. • Track between Council Wood and Muiry Wood overgrown with shrubbery. DW reported on behalf of DB that this has now been dealt with. DB will carry out some further cutting in the Council Wood and at bike jumps. • DW reported that in the open areas of Muiry and Newforres Woods the gorse is growing fast and is threatening to overwhelm the young trees. Will ask DB to cut around the trees to keep them clear of gorse. 	<p>DB DB</p>
5	<p>Sanquhar Wood.</p> <p>1. SH Work Party Report. 19/10/24, removed more cut grass from wildflower areas in coffin field and sowed more seeds in new area. - 3 volunteers.</p>	

	<p>2. GM Sanquhar Work Party Report. 5/10/24, removed green tree guards on trees and shrubs in centre of coffin field and along path. Replaced some with coils. - 4 volunteers.</p> <p>3. Buffer Zone. GM awaiting response from contractor re sending correct felling license.</p> <p>4. Bird Boxes. DW has contacted someone who can build bird boxes. PK will send designs for boxes for tree creepers, tits and bats to DW.</p> <p>5. Broom spreading in coffin field. SH reported that broom is spreading into the coffin field which might make it difficult for grass mowing. GM will cut broom at next work party.</p> <p>6. Bike Jumps. DB will carry out further mowing.</p>	<p>GM</p> <p>PK/DW</p> <p>GM</p>
5	<p>Communications. GM sent newsletter issue 36.</p>	
7	<p>Finance. Total £ 15,884.82 IN 8 membership payments, including donations £118.00 2/10 Angela, celebrant £50.00 21/10 Berryburn initial payment £1,146.00 OUT 1/10 Zurich insurance £743.12 14/10 HNMedia, Forres Gazette AGM notice £20.00 15/10 G Shewan, repair expenses £94.22</p> <p>DW reported that accountant is finalising financial report for AGM</p>	<p>DW</p>
8	<p>Membership. 41 Family, 33 individual, total 115 One payment outstanding.</p>	
9	<p>AOB. Date for AGM – Thursday 7th November 2024 via Microsoft Teams GM to email required documents to members.</p>	<p>GM</p>
10	<p>Date of next meeting. Board Meeting on 25th November 2024 via Microsoft Teams.</p>	