

# FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Meeting held via Teams

7.30pm 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<b>Present:</b> Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), Steve Hull, David MacFarquhar, Paul Kendall, Graham Shewan, Gareth Whyment, David Binney <b>Apologies:</b> none	
2	<b>Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b> The minutes were proposed by DM, seconded by PK.  <b>Actions arising from previous Minutes.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Tree safety report.</b> GW and DW finalizing the report – pending.</li><li>• <b>Unsafe tree.</b> 14 Woodside Park. GW to survey - pending</li><li>• <b>Overhanging branches from oak at Woodside Park.</b> GW surveyed. Tree surgeon required to remove branches. GW to investigate – pending.</li><li>• <b>Tree obstructing satellite reception at 49 Mannachie Rise.</b> GW to investigate – pending.</li></ul>	GW/DW GW  GW GW
3	<b>Correspondence.</b> <b>Email</b> 15/11/24 GM emailed grant application to Finderne Development Trust re car park maintenance work in Muiry and Newforres. 18/11/24 acknowledgement received 23/11GM emailed Angus Dixon re felling license, to be issued Jan 25 23/11 DW emailed Robin Grant UK MTB Trail Alliance re donation <b>WEB</b> 24/11 James Dean requesting meeting to discuss replacment of part of the boundary fence between NewForres Woods and Wester NewForres farmland, approximately 300m in length. DW responded.	
4	<b>Muiry and Newforres.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GM reported no work party.</li><li>• DB reported having cut gorse on track between Council Wood and Muiry Wood. Will carry out further work with brush cutter along paths and around trees in Muiry and Newforres.</li><li>• DW negotiating with James Dean re boundary fence.</li></ul>	DB DW
5	<b>Sanquhar Wood.</b>  <b>1. SH Work Party Report.</b> SH reported no work party. Planned for 30 <sup>th</sup> November. <b>2. GM Sanquhar Work Party Report.</b> Cut Western Hemlock with saws in area where contactor was felling larger trees. 4 volunteers.	

	<p>3. <b>Buffer Zone.</b> GM reported that contractor Angus Dixon will supply felling license in January 25. She will ask for the approximate volume of Western Hemlock and hardwood, so felling contractor can proceed with finding a buyer.</p>	
	<p>4. <b>Bird Boxes.</b> DW reported that bird boxes will be available in January. SH and PK will put them up and clean out existing boxes.</p> <p>5. <b>Contractor Tree Felling.</b> Contractor Kevin MacLean agreed to fell semi mature Douglas Fir in area behind Woodend, also some trees which are growing close to the two small lochans in Sanquhar Wood to let more light in. He said that, at present, he cant take anything away that he has felled as he doesn't have a storage place. So he will have to charge us for the felling. He noted beech and birch growing in the area behind Woodend where we are planning to do the felling next year. He said he would make us an offer of about £40 to £50 per ton of felled timber. GM said we would have to discuss this with the contractor. He suggested that John Gordon, Timber merchant in Nairn, might be interested in purchasing Douglas fir for timber.</p> <p>6. <b>Firewood.</b> GM will contact person who is interested in purchasing the semi-mature timber for firewood.</p> <p>7. <b>Bike Jumps.</b> DB will carry out further mowing.</p> <p>8. <b>Bench.</b> DB reported that the bench at the bike jumps has rotted and needs replacing. To be discussed. He also reported some litter in the area.</p>	<p>GM DW PK/SH</p> <p>GM DB Board</p>
5	<b>Communications.</b> No news.	
7	<p><b>Finance.</b>  <b>Total £ 15,773.82</b>  <b>OUT</b>  25/11 Gordon Scott, accountant £360.00  <b>IN</b>  26 membership payments £337.00 (including donations)  Berry Burn payment received 21.10.24 £1146.00</p> <p>Amount remaining from Berry Burn grant £2901.90</p>	
8	<p><b>Membership.</b>  GM reported that all membership payments are up-to-date.  2 reminders sent.</p>	
9	<p><b>Date of next meeting.</b>  <b>Board Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 via Microsoft Teams.</b></p>	