

FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Meeting held via Teams
7.30pm 27th January 2025

MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), Steve Hull, David MacFarquhar, Paul Kendall, Gareth Whymant, David Binney Apologies: Graham Shewan	
2	Minutes of 25th November 2024 The minutes were proposed by GW, seconded by DM. Actions arising from previous Minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree safety report. DW to finish the report. • Unsafe tree. 14 Woodside Park. GW reported that the tree is safe. GM to inform resident. • Overhanging branches from oak at Woodside Park. GW surveyed. GW will re-visit with tree surgeon. • Tree obstructing satellite reception at 49 Mannachie Rise. GW confirmed that the tree could be felled. This will be done by contractor at the same time as felling takes place later this year. 	DW GM GW
3	Correspondence. Email 3/12/2024 Angus Dixon, contractor, estimates that there are ca 120 to 150 tons of Douglas Fir and Western Hemlock to be harvested. Of this, approximately 40 tons will yield sawn logs and 80 tons chipwood. There is also approximately 30 tons of beech for firewood. 18/01/25 GM to Angus Dixon, re felling license – no reply. 16/12/2024 Sam Moore, contractor, has capacity to carry out the work in February/March or later next year, will get prices from the markets per tonne for each product. GM to request quote. Communication re nest box donations (see Item 4)	GM
4	Muiry and Newforres. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fence replacement at Newforres Wood. DW reported that he has contacted our solicitor and established that there are no title deeds available for the purchase of Muiry and Newforres Woods. He will further investigate in the sasine register. There will be a charge. • DW will investigate availability of grants for fencing and hedging. • DW is awaiting quote from neighbouring farmer for fencing cost. • GM will investigate availability of hedging plants. • DW will contact contractor for resurfacing car parks. 	DW DW DW GM DW
5	Sanquhar Wood. 1. SH Work Party Report.	

	<p>30/11/24 joint work party with FFWF on FCWT land near the entrance to the woods at back of Sanquhar Loch. 8 FFWF vols and 1 FCWT clearing invasive alien conifers.</p> <p>PK and SH will establish how many large Western Hemlock and Sitka are left in that area for contractor to fell them with power saw to prevent seeding.</p> <p>28/12/24 cleared invasive alien conifers east of Coffin Field. 4 FCWT vols.</p>	SH/PK																											
	<p>18/1/25 cleared invasive alien conifers east of Coffin Field 3 FCWT vols.</p> <p>2. GM Sanquhar Work Party Report. No work party due to weather conditions.</p> <p>3. Buffer Zone. GM awaiting publication of felling license.</p> <p>4. Bird Boxes. SH and PK will put up new nest boxes and clean out existing ones. GM reported that 12 donations for next boxes have been received.</p> <p>5. Firewood. GM confirmed that private person has removed felled semi-mature timber for firewood and made a donation.</p> <p>6. Bench at bike jump. DW will enquire if Benromach would provide a new bench.</p>	<p>GM SH/PK</p> <p>DW</p>																											
5	Communications. DW is awaiting invoice from Canary Dwarf.																												
7	<p>Finance. £ 16,444.22 Current balance IN</p> <table> <tr> <td>25/01/25</td> <td>12x nest box donations, total</td> <td>£185.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>01/01/25</td> <td>Alan Reid, firewood donation</td> <td>£ 60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>09/01/25</td> <td>12x membership payments, incl. donations</td> <td>£ 399.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15/01/25</td> <td>HMRC CHARITIES giftaid</td> <td>£ 425.40</td> </tr> </table> <p>OUT</p> <table> <tr> <td>19/12/24</td> <td>Registers of Scotland 2x£72</td> <td>£144.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17/12/24</td> <td>Companies House</td> <td>£ 34.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/12/24</td> <td>UK MTB TRAIL ALLIA donation</td> <td>£ 50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/12/24</td> <td>Kevin McLean</td> <td>£ 270.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/12/24</td> <td>CWA membership</td> <td>£ 20.00</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As Bank of Scotland will be introducing transaction charges for charities in the near future DW will investigate if other banks(RBS, Lloyds, Co-op) will continue free of charge, alternatively open savings account to offset charges. GM will forward easyfundraising message to members and facebook. 	25/01/25	12x nest box donations, total	£185.00	01/01/25	Alan Reid, firewood donation	£ 60.00	09/01/25	12x membership payments, incl. donations	£ 399.00	15/01/25	HMRC CHARITIES giftaid	£ 425.40	19/12/24	Registers of Scotland 2x£72	£144.00	17/12/24	Companies House	£ 34.00	10/12/24	UK MTB TRAIL ALLIA donation	£ 50.00	10/12/24	Kevin McLean	£ 270.00	10/12/24	CWA membership	£ 20.00	<p>DW</p> <p>GM/PK</p>
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8	<p>Membership. GM reported that all membership payments are up-to-date. 1 new member 1 membership cancelled.</p>																												
9	Date of next meeting. 24 th February 2025 by Microsoft Teams.																												