

FCWT BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Meeting held via Teams
7.30pm 29th September 2025

MINUTES & ACTION POINTS

Item	Minute	Action
1	<p>Present: Donald Wright (chair, treasurer), Gisela MacFarquhar (minutes), David MacFarquhar, Graham Shewan</p> <p>Apologies: Steve Hull, Gareth Whyment, Wilson Rennie, Paul Kendall, David Binney</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of 1st September 2025 The minutes were proposed by GS, seconded by DM.</p> <p>Actions arising from previous Minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree safety report. DW reported that the report is now completed. • Overhanging branches from oak at Woodside Park. GW in contact with contractor. On-going. • Woodend felling. Clarification re TPO felling permission required. GM to contact Angus Dixon. – Contractor not available. • Bench at bike jump. DW contacted Benromach to request donation towards a new bench. No response from Benromach. On-going. • Information boards. DW to search for stickers with up-to-date information to be attached to boards. • GM to ask GW if felling license is required for thinning in Newforres Wood. GW to mark trees to be felled. 	<p>GW</p> <p>GM</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>GM/GW</p>
3	<p>Correspondence. No correspondence on web or email.</p>	
4	<p>Muiry and Newforres. GM to ask DB if gorse along paths can be cut with billy goat.</p>	GM/DB
5	<p>Sanquhar Wood.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SH Work Party Report. 20/9/25. Cleared bracken from round planted native trees at back of Mannachie Rise. 4 volunteers. 2. GM Sanquhar Work Party Report. 6/9/25 cut back dead gorse, thorns and birch along bike jumps, 4 volunteers. Another treatment with glyphosate next year will be required to stop regrowth of gorse and birch. 3. Planned Felling & Residence Interface. GM to have on-site meeting with contractor. 4. Bike Track Maintenance. 	GM

	<p>GS is in contact with Tarland bike group. On-going. DW will contact bike group in Elgin.</p> <p>5. Coffin Field Maintenance. GS reported that the grass in the coffin field has been cut and collected and deposited in the corner of the field. The contractor suggested that he could plant wildflowers. To be discussed with SH.</p> <p>6. Laurel and Rhododendron treatment. No up-date from contractor.</p> <p>7. Gorse cutting on south track. DW to contact contractor.</p> <p>8. Mannachie/Loch View entrance. As there are ca 40 to 50 mature trees located in close proximity with neighbouring properties in this area a felling should be considered in line with our border policy.</p>	<p>GS DW</p> <p>SH</p> <p>GM DW</p> <p>Board</p>
DW5	Communications. No update.	
7	<p>Finance. Total Current Account £ 4,596.84 Out 24/9/25 MMS ALMAC Ltd, brochures £684.00</p> <p>Total in Savings Account £10,014.89</p>	
8	<p>Membership. 1 reminder sent. Total membership 113.</p>	
9	<p>AOB.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GM and SH to email up-dated volunteer risk assessment and instruction sheet to volunteers. 2. DW to prepare an annual review. 3. AGM. Date - Thursday 13th November Notice in Gazette – DW Documents to membership - GM 	<p>GM/SH</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW GM</p>
.10	<p>Date of next meeting. 27th October 2025 by Microsoft Teams. AGM. 13th November 2025 by Microsoft Teams.</p>	