

Maryburgh Community Woodland Group

Thursday 17th April 2025 @ 7.15pm
Maryburgh Amenities Centre



MINUTE of meeting.			ACTION:
1.	Welcomes and Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ian Fraser ➤ Siobhan Fraser ➤ Rosie MacLeod ➤ Ewan McHardy ➤ Elsbeth Neil ➤ Jim Neil ➤ Megan Parker (Chair) ➤ Gareth Parkinson ➤ Donald Stuart (CC rep) ▪ Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Craig Evans ➤ John MacKay (MAC rep) ▪ As MP's work commitments involve more travel away, it was agreed that GP would take on the role of vice chair. MP welcomed attendees to the meeting. 	
2.	Approval of minute of 20.03.25 & Review of actions from previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MP asked for approval of the minute dated: 20.03.25 ▪ Minute Approved by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposer: Rosie MacLeod ➤ Seconder: Gareth Parkinson Review of Actions: ▪ RMacL informed the group that she had spoken to the MAC treasurer about changing the format of the Group's name on the bank account. Apparently the bank said that on completion of an electronic form the name can be changed ▪ MP is preparing the prior notification paperwork in preparation for any future work on the paths. 	RMacL will continue to liaise with MAC treasurer to get the name changed.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It should also be noted that the perc test may have to be trimmed to stop any delay in the work and we may need a full planning request if we go ahead with the new path. ▪ IF is preparing updated detailed maps of the woodland for future applications. 	
3/4	Finance and Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RMacL informed the group that at present there was just over £2000 in the account. ▪ EN stated that she had sent in the Expression of Interest form to the Community Regeneration Fund. ▪ GP tabled a draft application to the Glen Wyvis fund and would be submitting this application the following day. ▪ He also informed the group that a request for funding had been submitted to Simpsons Garden Centre. ▪ GP has also discovered that Forestry Scotland's Community Fund has re-opened and would investigate the possibility of accessing funding for training. ▪ MP said that perhaps [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] could possibly deliver some training. ▪ GP agreed to look at the Tesco blue token form for RMacL. ▪ Everyone present agreed that getting letters of support from local councillors may help applications in the future. 	<p>GP to investigate what training options could be offered.</p> <p>GP to look at the Tesco blue token form for RMacL.</p>
5.	Easter Animal Hunt Planning (19 th)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GP informed those present that everything was in place for the event on Saturday. ▪ EN had collected the animal drawings from the school and would organise the prizes for the event. ▪ SF said that now that we have access to online banking we should consider getting a Just Giving page or better still would be to set up Paypal. 	<p>EN to liaise with RMacL to investigate setting up Paypal and Just Giving.</p> <p>SF to copy over the funding</p>



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6.	Path clearance update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GP informed the group that the path clearance has gone to plan and that the next section to tackle would be the clearing of the beech saplings from section 4. He also informed the group that he would make a start on the section which is highlighted to be the rain garden. ▪ It is hoped that this work would be completed by mid May 	
7.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JN informed the group that he had been in touch with the mill owner about getting wood for the signage in the woodland. He said that he would like to come out to the woodland when he gets back from his holiday to discuss what our requirements are. ▪ SF asked if the TPO permissions needed updating to include the oak limb which is overhanging the Dunglass path. MP agreed that this should be done and would contact Highland Council. ▪ It was noted that the group would require to prepare a tender document to seek quotes from future contractors who will be sought to do the work on the paths. GP agreed to start to prepare a tender document. IF agreed to prepare the maps which will be part of the tender documentation. ▪ EN agreed to continue to find contractors to quote for the pathwork required in the woodland. 	<p>JN to liaise with the mill owner.</p> <p>MP agreed to contact Highland Council to update the TPO permissions.</p> <p>GP to start to prepare a tender document. IF to prepare the maps which will be part of the tender documentation.</p> <p>EN to continue to find contractors to quote for the pathwork required in the woodland.</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EN agreed to continue to try and make contact with the present Hub website administrator. 	EN to contact Hub Administrator to arrange a meeting.
8.	Date of next meeting	EN to arrange a meeting for Thursday 29 th of May.	EN to contact hall.

