

Maryburgh Community Woodland Group

Thursday 29th May 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 ➤ Rosie MacLeod ➤ Elsbeth Neil ➤ Jim Neil ➤ Megan Parker (Chair) ➤ Gareth Parkinson ➤ Donald Stuart (CC rep) ▪ Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Craig Evans ➤ Siobhan Fraser ➤ Ewan McHardy ➤ John MacKay (MAC rep) ▪ MP welcomed attendees to the meeting. 	
2.	Approval of minute of 17.04.25 & Review of actions from previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MP asked for approval of the minute dated: 17.04.25 ▪ Minute Approved by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposer: Ian Fraser ➤ Seconder: Rosie MacLeod Review of Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RMacL informed the group that if the name was to change there could be implications involving Companies House. It was agreed that the accountant may know of how this could be done, and RMacL agreed to speak to the accountant. ▪ It was agreed that as the Tesco blue token scheme focussed on projects relating to children and food poverty, the group should leave it until a project around those topics is planned. ▪ EN was continuing to try and get the group registered with the Paypal Giving Fund. 	<p>RMacL will speak to the accountant about name change.</p> <p>EN to try to get the group registered with the Paypal Giving Fund.</p> <p>GP to liaise with the Men Shed to discuss the signage.</p> <p>GP to continue to prepare the tender document. EN to contact the</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The posts for the signage have been donated by Munro Sawmills Ltd. GP will meet with the Men shed to discuss the design for the signage. ▪ GP to continue to prepare the tender document. 	contractors once the document is ready.
3	MAC funds request discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DS stated that at the moment there was no urgency to pay back any funding used for the tree survey or tree felling. He also informed the group that MAC's lawyer, [REDACTED] was presently going over the Highland Council lease for the Hall, the pitch and the car park. MAC are in discussions with Scottish Water and Highland Council in regard to a pipeline which is possibly going through the football pitch. 	
4.	Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RMacL informed those present that the Group presently had £1992.15 in the account. 	
5.	Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GP informed those present that the group's application to the Glen Wyvis Fund had been successful and we would be receiving £1240.00. ▪ EN added that Simpsons Garden Centre had sent a gift token for £100. Both donations should be used for buying tools and equipment to be used in the wood. ▪ It was agreed that a notice should go out to the community requesting donations of tools for use in the woodland. GP agreed to prepare a poster to go out onto social media. ▪ GP informed the group that the Scottish Forestry Community Fund was once again open for applications. Therefore, the group would have to consider what could be funded through this source. Ideas include, tree safety survey course or possibly hand tool training. 	<p>GP to prepare a poster to go out onto social media.</p> <p>GP to prepare a draft to bring along to the next meeting.</p>
6.	Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Plant Hunt Event (31st May) GP has arranged for the county recorder of plants to be present at the event. Group members to meet at 9.30. ➤ Den building (17th June) GP and EN to meet to discuss how this will proceed. ➤ Gala day stall (21st June) 	GP and EN to meet to discuss the Den Building and Gala events.



		<p>GP and MP to cover this event. EN and GP to meet to discuss what can be produced.</p> <p>➤ Tesco collection day (12th July) EMcH will get more information nearer the time.</p> <p>➤ September onwards – Bat walk/Halloween trail/ Festive treasure hunt To be discussed at next meeting.</p>	<p>EMcH to liaise with Tesco.</p> <p>September events: To be discussed at next meeting.</p>
7.	Woodland improvements update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was agreed that the group would continue to remove the smaller beech saplings but would preserve some of the larger beech for use by the group sometime in the future. ▪ The group should consider organising a larger event in September to start to work on the Rain Garden area. ▪ There followed a discussion about addressing some of the issues raised in the tree survey. GP agreed to discuss this with the tree surveyors. ▪ EN to contact CE to ask him to contact the tree surgeon to address the trees highlighted in the last survey. ▪ GP will meet with the Men Shed to discuss the signage requirements and will present to the group at the next meeting. 	<p>Group to programme in a larger event in September to tackle the Rain Garden area.</p> <p>GP to discuss the tree work with the tree surveyors.</p> <p>GP to present signage suggestions at the next meeting.</p>
8.	Date of next meeting	EN to arrange a meeting for Thursday 3 rd of July.	EN to contact hall.

