



Registered Charity no
SCO43123

Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of meeting 8th February 2024

<http://muriestonenvironmentalgroup.org.uk/>

1. Attendees

Arthur Marris, Kay Goldup, Isabel Taggart, Gillian de Felice, Shelagh Taylor, Jackie Tremain, Bernie Tremain, Alan Murray, Kirsteen Murray, and Andy Murray. Also present briefly was Morag Pendry from Bellsquarry community council, who is interested in forming liaisons between the Bellsquarry community organisations.

1. Apologies for Absence

Audrey Wright sent apologies

2. Approval of October's minutes

Jackie Tremain proposed, Alan Murray seconded.

3. Treasurers report

The bank balance stands at £4,875.16.

£190.40 was spent on purchasing liability insurance from Zurich and £1,666.89 was received from the co-op community fund.

4. Projects discussion

- There have been no MEG activities since October due to it being winter.
- There was discussion regarding clearing the weed in Campbridge pond. Concern was expressed regarding the environmental impact that this would entail, particularly with regards to nesting birds. Arthur recounted how this had been considered in previous years. When last considered the most suitable option had been thought to be to introduce Asian carp to eat the pond weed. Asian carp cannot breed in Scottish ponds due to the water temperature so do not have a lasting environmental impact. However, a licence would be required to introduce non-native fish to Campbridge pond. After consideration it was decided not to pursue this idea further.
- It was agreed that MEG should aim to organise one project a month for the next few months starting with a litter pick on 16th March, followed by a tidy up of the path along the disused road running south from Skivo cottages on the 27th April.

5. Diary of events

- 16th March, litter pick. Meet at Murieston village hall at 2pm
- 23rd March, help Forth Rivers Trust with their bank protection event at Murieston Water. Meet at Campbridge Pond car park at 10am.
- 27th April, path maintenance on old road south of Skivo cottages from 10 am. Meet at Campbridge Pond car park at 10am.

6. AOB

- Bernie has taken an inventory of what is in the container.
- The Woodland Trust (livingston@woodlandtrust.org.uk) should be contacted to determine what would be best to plant at a planting event such as: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/wildflowers/snakes-head-fritillary>
- Arthur to investigate access to the MEG email service

- Gillian and Arthur to ask Janey Cringean about an alternative hosting arrangement for the MEG webpage

7. Date of next meeting

14th March 2024 at the cricket club

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