



Registered Charity no
SCO43123

Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of meeting 18th April 2024

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

1. Attendees

Kay Goldup, Isabel Taggart, Gillian de Felice, Shelagh Taylor, Jackie Tremain, Alan Murray, and Kirsteen Murray.

1. Apologies for Absence

Arthur Marris, Bernie Tremain, Andy Murray and Audrey Wright sent apologies

2. Approval of March's minutes

Kirsteen Murray proposed, Kay Goldup seconded.

3. Treasurers report

The bank balance stands at £4,871.56. £3.60 has been spent since the March meeting to cover costs relating to the provision of the MEG website.

4. Projects discussion

- The litter pick was a great success and attracted a few new volunteers plus members of West Lothian Litter Pickers. Tea and cakes provided by Kirsteen and also donated by the Co-op were enjoyed by the volunteers in the village hall afterwards.
- Some of our volunteers attended the Forth Rivers Trust bank protection event at Murieston Water, and found it very enjoyable to learn a new skill. Gillian has formed a new contact with a view to liaising on future events with them.

5. Diary of events

- 27th April - Path maintenance on old road south of Skivo cottages from 10 am. Meet at Cambridge Pond car park at 10am. Some volunteers will be starting earlier due to other commitments on that day. Sheila will prepare a risk assessment. Bernie and Jackie will collect tools from the lock-up, and will bring the hi-vis jackets. It was suggested that we bring litter picking equipment as well.
- 25 May - Cambridge Pond Tidy-up: 12- 4 pm. Meeting at the Cambridge pond Car Park at 12pm. Jackie and Bernie will be away on the 25th and so will give the keys to the lock-up to Kirsteen and Andy earlier that week.
- 22 June - "Bee Bombing" at the Orchard area by the Stone Bridge with a view to creating a wild flower meadow. Meeting at 2pm. Gillian has been in touch with the Ecology: Biodiversity Officer for West Lothian Council to discuss this project. She will let us know of any proposed meeting so that a few of us can liaise with WLC on this and future projects.

6. AOB

- The AGM will be held on Thursday 2 May; with 9 May being proposed as an alternative if too many people cannot attend on the 2nd. Jackie will put this out on the WhatsApp Group and on Facebook.
- It was proposed that inactive members on the MEG WhatsApp group be removed and Jackie said she would initiate this after giving them 5 days to remove themselves or confirm that they wish to stay in the group.
- There is a proposal to change the monthly meetings to the second Thursday of the month to avoid clashes with the monthly meetings of the Murieston Community Development Trust. This is to be discussed and confirmed at the AGM meeting. It was also noted that Jenny Anderson of the Cricket Club should be notified of our meetings, especially if we make any last-minute changes, to avoid

clashes with Cricket Club events. Meetings are to start at 7.15 in future in order to give bar staff time to arrive and open up.

- Gillian also let us know about the iNature Challenge run by iNaturalist. The event runs from Friday 26 April to Monday 29 April, and she has put details on the MEG WhatsApp if anyone wants to take part.
- For future reference with regard to an autumn event: 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>

7. Date of next meeting

2 May 2024, 7.15 pm at the Cricket Club

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