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Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of meeting 11th June 2024

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1. Attendees

Kay Goldup, Isabel Taggart, Gillian de Felice, Bernie Tremain, Jackie Tremain, and Alan Murray.

1. Apologies for Absence

Arthur Marris, Andy Murray, and Shelagh Taylor sent apologies

2. Approval of May's minutes

Isobel Taggart proposed, Kay Goldup seconded.

3. Treasurers report

There was no Treasurer's report as Shelagh was on holiday. The bank balance is approximately £4,820 and will be confirmed next month.

4. Projects discussion

- Cambridge Pond tidy-up (25 May). The main platform was tidied and weeded, but there are still two walkways left to do. It was proposed that we put something on social media asking people not to pile up pondweed on the banks.

5. Diary of events

- 20th and 27th June - Continuation of path maintenance on old road south of Skivo cottages from 6 pm, and moving onto Cambridge Pond if time allows.
- Saturday 27 July - Pruning Event from 10 am, on the south side of Murieston Water. Meet at the Cricket club to collect tools, hi-vis, first aid kit etc.
- 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.

6. AOB

- Gillian is to buy 2 pole saws, some loppers, some safety goggles and hard hats.
- The Co-op have requested details of how we have spent the money donated to us. Jackie is to forward the email to Gillian and Shelagh as they have the details of our expenditure.
- Discussion of potential future projects: (i) To carry out a bio-diversity survey and mark it on a map of the area, with a list of jobs we want to do for future reference. If there is good bio-diversity, it may help to protect the area against future development. (ii) The bio-diversity survey could be tied in with Linhouse Circular, MCDT and Murieston Initiative, with input from WLC Rangers and Ecology Advisors.
- It was decided not to go ahead with the proposed "bee bombing"/wildflower as it would be too complex to carry out and maintain.
- There is a grant available from Funding Scotland for a project which must focus on one or more parts of the nature restoration of the area, eg Non-Native Invasive Species. The recent walk-through with Forth Rivers Trust showed that Knotweed was present but no Giant Hogweed or Himalayan Balsam. There are 3 spaces on the basic course, which is free. There is also an add-on course for training in removal of NNIS. We can also apply for funding to buy the necessary equipment.
- Alan, Isobel and Gillian volunteered to attend the course in Stirling.

- The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

7. Date of next meeting

11 July 2024, 7.15 pm at the Cricket Club

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