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SCO43123

# Murieston Environmental Group

## Minutes of meeting 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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

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### 1. Attendees

Arthur Marris, Andy Murray, Isabel Taggart, Gillian de Felice, Jackie Tremain, Shelagh Taylor, John Hepburn and Alan Murray.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Kay Goldup, Bernie Tremain, and Audrey Wright sent apologies

### 2. Approval of June's minutes

Isobel Taggart proposed, Alan Murray seconded.

### 3. Treasurers report

The bank balance is £4,824. We are also awaiting a donation of £50 from Stuart Blakeley of Global KAM CBS.

### 4. Projects discussion

- 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June - Path maintenance on old road south of Skivo cottages was completed. It was a much bigger task than anticipated.

### 5. Diary of events

- Saturday 27 July - Pruning Event from 10 am, on the south side of Murieston Water, and other points around the trail. Meet at the Cricket club to collect tools, hi-vis, first aid kit etc.
- Throughout August - Bio-diversity Survey at the Linhouse Loop. Gillian will set MEG up as a project with i-naturalist so that we get the information from people who record their sightings. Shelagh suggested laminated signs with a QR code for the bio-diversity survey at the entrance to Linhouse.
- Saturday 7 September - Dog Show. Shelagh will contact Kim Vance to ask if she would be willing to act as judge again. Isobel will ask at the Dog's Trust if someone will be a backup judge if Kim is not available. A class for fancy dressed dogs should be added this year. Rosettes and doggy treats as prizes. Shelagh to amend poster to add extra class.

### 6. AOB

- It was suggested that the bio-diversity survey be repeated during April and August each year. This could lead to signage around the area of what it might be possible to see.
- West Lothian Council - Play Sufficiency Assessment - Survey of how much green space is available for leisure activities, e.g. walking, cycling, horse riding, sports activities etc.
- Gillian and Alan will be attending the NNIS course in Stirling on 6-8 August inclusive. The course is now fully funded, although we had agreed to meet the cost of £360 for the Stem Injection Training.
- We can borrow equipment initially to start the eradication, but we will get our own later if we can get an appropriate grant. Proposed equipment: Knapsacks 2 @£180 each, Acetate visors 2 @ £8 each, Protective gloves £15, Roundup Pro-Vantage 5L 2@£75.50 each, Protective suits £10.50 x 60, Waterproof covers for knapsacks 2@ £36.66 each.
- It was suggested we look into the regulations concerning the use of scythes in public places with a view to adding these to our equipment for cutting long grass.
- Arthur will take minutes from Google Drive and add them to the website. Isobel is willing to learn how to do this.
- Arthur will do the OSCA Report and the accounts. He will also get someone to inspect the accounts.

- Alan Murray is now able to become a trustee along with Arthur and Andy.
- Willow Den for the Sanctuary Garden - to be researched and let Jenny Anderson at the Cricket Club see our suggestions. This will be a winter project and we have the funds for it.
- We should also put on FB that the minutes of our meetings are on the website for those followers who might be interested.
- The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

## **7. Date of next meeting**

8 August 2024, 7.15 pm at the Cricket Club

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