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SC043123

Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of meeting 13th March 2025

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

1. Attendees

Kay Goldup, Isabel Taggart, Shelagh Taylor, Gillian de Felice, Bernie Tremain and Jackie Tremain.

2. Apologies for Absence

Andy Murray, Arthur Marris, John Hepburn and Alan Murray.

3. Approval of September's minutes

Gillilan de Felice proposed, Kay Goldup seconded.

4. Treasurers report

The figures for the treasurer's report were not available. The bank balance at the last meeting was £4,216.22.

5. Projects discussion

- The willow den for the Sanctuary Garden at Livingston Cricket Club has been completed.
- Callum Ford from Morrison Energy Services donated spring flowering bulbs for us to plant. However, as they were non-native species they were not really suitable for planting around the Trail, so they were split between the MEG planter at Campbridge Pond Car Park, Murieston Community Garden, and The Sanctuary Garden at the Cricket Club. Jackie will take some photos of the planter.
- A clear-up event was carried at the Play Park and at Skivo Wynd. Thanks to all those who braved the rain. The council have been emailed about some overhanging trees.
- Kate Kelly (an MCDT Trustee) has submitted the bio-survey on behalf of Gillian, but there has been no feedback so far.
- There has been no progress as yet with regards to the strimmer course.
- It was noted that we have still to look at the MEG Constitution, but decided that it would be better when attendance is higher. Shelagh will print a copy for the next meeting so we can annotate any changes.
- Isabel has provided a tick removing device to go in the First Aid Box.
- Shelagh will try to get another key for the lock-up.

6. Diary of events/Upcoming Projects

- Saturday 26 April - It is proposed to continue the clear and tidy at Campbridge Pond and/or Skivo Wynd. Some members will do a recce before then. Details to be arranged via the WhatsApp Group or at the April Monthly meeting.
- Stuart (Grundfoss) is willing to send volunteers to help with any bigger projects we might have.
- We might need to liaise with WLC with regard to projects like steps and fences, and then see what grants we can apply for to help with finances.

- Suggestions for further projects include:
 - a) Clearing the mud out of the hollow near the pond to get back to the original path level. (maybe with the help of some Grundfoss volunteers.
 - b) Replacing some handrails and balustrades, and resurfacing some of the paths.
 - c) Rhododendron clearance after the nesting season, and planting some native trees, and native Scottish bulbs, such as bluebells.
 - d) Ongoing work at Skivo to keep the path clear.

7. AOB

- The Linhouse Survey needs to be promoted, particularly with regard to the proposed housing development in that area.
- There has been at least one case of Avian Flu in a buzzard at the Linhouse Circular. Everyone needs to be aware how to deal with this.
- Future projects to be discussed and decided at next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8 pm

8. Date of next meeting

10 April 2025: 7.15 pm at the Cricket Club

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