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SCO43123

Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of Meeting 8th May 2025

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

1. Attendees

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

2. Apologies for Absence

Andy Murray, Arthur Marris and John Hepburn.

3. Approval of April's minutes

Isabel Taggart proposed, Alan Murray seconded.

4. Treasurers report

The bank balance is currently £3894.89. We have had no expenditure or income this month.

5. Projects discussion

- OSCR Report: next month is the AGM and it was proposed that we all look at the Constitution before the meeting so that we can discuss if any changes need to be made.
- Co-op Funding: Alan is going to look into applying for funding but we can't apply before June.
- Strimmer Course: Alan has emailed about the course and the course leader is going to get back to him with dates and advice on equipment. The cost of a 2 day course which covers cords and blades is £160 + VAT per person.
- Recruitment – This is ongoing, and we were pleased to welcome Fiona Callan who joined as this month's meeting.
- The willow den is thriving.
- Gillian has looked at ordering native bulbs from Scotia Seeds for Autumn planting, however they seem to be quite expensive. She and Shelagh will continue to look into this with a view to ordering some in the next couple of months for Autumn planting.
- We should continue to promote the Linhouse survey with respect to the proposed building development in the area.
- Cambridge Pond area – there are two gates that need repairing as do the steps. It was felt that the woodwork in general needs refurbishment. The fencing along the road also needs attention. Gillian and Alan are to make a plan for what needs to be done. We may be able to get some volunteers from Grundfoss to help with big projects like this, and Fiona is going to find out about SkyCares volunteers. Alan had proposed that we have a meeting with Tracy (WLC Ranger) about what we can or cannot do around the trail. Arthur has her email address.

6. Diary of events/Upcoming Projects

- Path Clearance at Skivo: The work at Skivo needs one more evening – 15 May from 18.30. Bernie has found a suitable piece of drainpipe and it will be used to improve the drainage at the top of the path.
- Post-meeting note – this work has been completed; further pieces of drainpipe were found by Alan on the slope below the path and these were used. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this over the last few weeks.

7. AOB

- We have been invited to attend and promote MEG at the official opening of the new tennis courts at Livingston Cricket Club on 25 May. Jackie will pass on leaflets and posters to Gillian, as she and Bernie will be away. Alan and Isabel will help set up (liaison via WhatsApp group). Alan will bring a camping table and fetch the gazebo from the lock-up.
- Woodland Trust can supply us with trees for planting but we need to identify an area for planting. We also need to confer with WLC (Tracy) with regard to a suitable place.
- Isabel has retrieved the trolley from Murieston Water, plus the veg pod that had been blown into the trail during Storm Eowyn. The veg pod has been donated to Murieston Community Garden.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

8. Date of next meeting

12 June 2025: 7.15 pm at the Cricket Club

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