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Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of Meeting 12 June 2025

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

1. Attendees

Alan Murray, Isabel Taggart, Gillian de Felice, Arthur Marris, Bernie Tremain and Jackie Tremain

2. Apologies for Absence

Andy Murray, Shelagh Taylor, John Hepburn and Kay Goldup.

3. Approval of May's minutes

Gillian de Felice proposed, Alan Murray seconded.

4. Treasurers report

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

5. Projects discussion

- Co-op Funding - Alan is in the process of applying for this.
- Strimmer Course - Bernie is happy to do the strimmer course if no-one else is available; however, this is dependent on dates and car availability. Alan will chase up the dates and costs.
- Recruitment - some of us attended the Cricket Club Open Day and handed out some leaflets. Unfortunately, the weather was against us. So far, we have had no new members. It was suggested that we write up our next project for a piece in the Konect magazine. It was also suggested that we put a piece on the website. It was proposed, by Jackie, that Arthur be Webmaster, and seconded by Gillian, as we currently have no-one updating the website.
- INNS - Gillian and Alan attended a talk by the Forth Rivers Trust (FRT) at the Village Hall, and talked about the course that they did. There is a lot of Knotweed in Mid Calder. FRT are going to do some work in August. Gillian and Alan may go to help.
- Links with other organisations - Fiona Rogers of Central Scotland Wildlife Group, and Callum McClaren, a WLC ecologist, are keen to foster links with MEG.
- Linhouse Survey - need to keep doing this and promoting it.
- Cambridge Pond - Gillian had emailed Tracey at WLC but as yet has heard nothing back.
- Gillian will email Callum at WLC with a view to organising an event, eg pond dipping or a bat walk.
- Willow Den - we have good feedback and compliments with regard to the willow den. Bernie is going to help Jenny Anderson add a willow arch with the remaining willow wands.

6. Diary of events/Upcoming Projects

- 20 August 2025 - Jane Begg of The Woodland Trust is going to do a walk and talk with regard to Management Strategy.
- 6 September 2025 - Gala Day/Dog Show at Cricket Club. Best Fancy Dress Dog needs to be added as a class. Arthur is going to ask Kim Vance if she would act as judge again.

7. AOB

- We have not planned an event for July due to holidays.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

8. Date of next meeting

9 July 2025: 7.15 pm at the Cricket Club

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