



Registered Charity no
SCO43123

Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of Meeting 14 August 2025

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

1. Attendees

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

2. Apologies for Absence

Kay Goldup, Andy Murray, and Shelagh Taylor.

3. Approval of July's minutes

Arthur Marris proposed, Isabel Taggart seconded.

4. Treasurers report

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

5. Projects discussion

- Expenditure Policy: Future purchases to be discussed on the WhatsApp group to get approval/consensus from other members. The expenditure will then be minuted at the next meeting. Alternatively, it can be discussed at committee meeting and get general consensus from attendees. If expenditure is to be above £100, then it should be approved by the Treasurer and two other office bearers, and minuted at the next meeting.
- Examination of Accounts - Still in progress. Arthur is to action this via Shelagh. OSCAR Report to be completed by the end of the year.
- Work around the Trail - Gillian spoke to Tracy from WLC (her remit is paths). Tracy did a walkabout during the WLC Pond Dipping event at Cambridge Pond. The paths need to be "graded" by WLC but Tracy did agree that the steps and parts of the boardwalks are quite bad. We can probably apply for funding and WLC would probably match it, so we need to fundraise. WLC will project manage any work especially as they have contacts for building materials, etc. Gillian and Alan are to pursue this and look at what grants might be available for various projects.
- Bat Boxes - Central Wildlife Group. Gillian will contact the ecologist with regard to organising a bat walk/talk and survey.

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. See poster on noticeboards and advertisement on FB for further details.
- 28 August 2025 - Pruning and Weeding at Cambridge Pond. From 6pm. Bring tools and insect repellent. To be advertised on FB.
- 6 September 2025 - Gala Day/Dog Show at Cricket Club, 2-3pm. Arthur will check that Kim is still ok to act as judge on the day. Alan will organise the poster, and give copies to Isabel and Jackie to put on the notice boards. Gillian will advertise it on FB and will liaise with Shelagh with regard to rosettes and prizes. Alan, Gillian, Isabel, Bernie, Arthur and Jackie will be able to help on the day. Bernie and Alan will set up from 10am. Isabel will print up sign-up sheets and will also sort out the float. We also need to remember doggie water bowls and bottles of water for filling them up. We are likely to have the use of the DJ and microphone to help with announcing classes, winners, etc. We also have the megaphone if needed although it currently needs new batteries.

7. AOB

- There appears to have been a pollution incident in Murieston Water with dead fish being seen in the water. Gillian has phoned SEPA for an update on their investigation. They say that there is nothing visually untoward, but the water levels are very low and possibly low oxygen content due to the recent hot weather. SEPA have said they will investigate further upstream.

The meeting closed at 20.20

8. Date of next meeting

11 September 2025: 7.15 pm at the Cricket Club

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