



Registered Charity no
SCO43123

Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of Meeting 11 September 2025

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

1. Attendees

Alan Murray Isabel Taggart, Gillian de Felice, Arthur Marris. Kay Goldup

2. Apologies for Absence

Bernie Tremain, Jackie Tremain, Shelagh Taylor, Andy Murray

3. Approval of August's minutes

Gillian proposed and Isabel seconded

4. Treasurers report

Dog show:

Takings:	£90
Expenses	£72.47
Profit	£17.53

Current bank balance not including above transactions £3894.89

5. Projects discussion

- Cambridge Park was tidied up one evening with 6 volunteers. Mainly spacing on decks kept clear to allow water to escape and the steps weeded to improve the level of safety.
- Gillian met with Tracey Smith from the West Lothian Ranger Service. Tracey was able to respond to our request regarding a rough estimate of cost to upgrade the paths and steps in Cambridge Park. She estimated £8,200 for materials and £5,168 for labour, approx. £13,000 plus VAT.
- The above sum is significantly greater than our current reserves and fundraising will be required. Gillian plans to contact Kim Vance a previous member of MEG with whom we remain in contact and who has knowledge of fundraising for environmental projects.
- Gillian and Alan will tackle the Japanese knotweed that wasn't successfully treated last year. There is a very modest amount to do and a further treatment this year should eliminate all of the remaining knotweed. Arthur has agreed to come along and find out more re treating invasive species.
- We are hoping to meet Callum McLaren, Ecology and Diversity Officer from West Lothian Council, to investigate the possibility and process of erecting bat and owl boxes.
- We are looking at preparing an area of grassland to sow with wildflowers. Gillian has identified an area near Cambridge pond. In order for the seeds to grow the ground will need to be prepared. We will need to get more info re this from the ecology/ranger staff at West Lothian council.

6. Diary of events/Upcoming Projects

- No dates currently in the diary

7. AOB

- Dog show was a success as we got a good number of entries and those that entered, the humans and hopefully the dogs as well, appeared to enjoy themselves. In preparation for next year, we should get a banner to make it clear that the MEG stall is taking entries for the dog show. Gillian and Alan will arrange this.

The meeting closed at - not recorded.

8. Date of next meeting

09 October 2025: 7.15 pm at the Cricket Club

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