



Registered Charity no
SC043123

Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of Meeting 9 October 2025

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

1. Attendees

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

2. Apologies for Absence

Shelagh Taylor, Kay Goldup and Andy Murray

3. Approval of September's minutes

Gillian proposed and Isabel seconded

4. Treasurers report

Current bank balance is £3836.73

5. Projects discussion

- INNS Spraying - Due to illness and unsuitable weather, Alan and Gillian have not been able to go out and spray. However, it is planned that they will go out next week with the Forth Rivers Trust on the Hermand Estate, Polbeth, along the Harwood Water. Arthur has proposed that he might attend another time to observe the process.
- Gillian and Alan met up with Callum McLaren, a WLC Ecologist, who gave them a calendar of when work can be done. We need to produce a management plan for any work we intend to do, and we can use the calendar to come up with a management plan. Tracy, from WLC, will project manage any work proposed.
- Callum also identified two wide areas near the zig-zag path as being suitable for planting yellow rattle, with a view to a future planting of a wildflower meadow. We need to identify a suitable area for scarification initially, and somewhere to put the detritus from the scarification, ready for seed sowing (yellow rattle to start with).
- Suitable places have also been identified to put up bat and owl boxes. Liaison with Central Scotland Wildlife Group for this is proposed.
- Arthur has written the Annual Report for OSCR, and will put it on the WhatsApp Group so that it is visible to the Trustees. Arthur and Alan have signed the report and Arthur will submit it to OSCR.

6. Diary of events/Upcoming Projects

- Bernie and Arthur are going to do a clean-up of Campbridge Pond, using a kayak to reach the floating debris.
- We are hoping to have a more cohesive plan for next year's projects.

7. AOB

- Today Gillian and Alan attended a meeting hosted by West Lothian Climate Action Network (WELCAN) and as a result we are now part of Lothian Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) with Callum from WLC. This is co-ordinated by the Voluntary Sector Gateway West Lothian, which can put together groups looking for volunteers with people looking to volunteer. For us, one-offs would be useful so we can put up our events and people can choose to attend if they wish. Roy Fallon from Volunteer Sector Gateway could help us with applying for grants etc. The meeting enabled Gillian and Alan to make some useful contacts.
- Gillian and Alan are going to start work on a brief outline management plan which we can flesh out at a later date. This will be shared through our WhatsApp group.
- Snowberry eradication is to be arranged, and Mare's Tail has also been spotted along the trail. This will perhaps need to be managed as it is an invasive albeit native plant.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

8. Date of next meeting

13 November 2025: 7.15 pm at the Cricket Club

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