



Registered Charity no
SCO43123

Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of Meeting 12 February 2026

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1. Attendees

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

2. Apologies for Absence

Shelagh Taylor and Kay Goldup

3. Approval of November's minutes

Gillian proposed and Alan seconded

4. Treasurers report

Current bank balance is £3646.33. The insurance was paid on 1st December 2025 and was £190.40. There was no other expenditure.

5. Projects Update/ Discussion

- There was no December meeting (Christmas Social) due to illness and holidays, and no January meeting as we had a winter break.
- Gillian is to meet with Alison Wright (one of the Community Café Volunteers) to point us in the right direction for getting some funding for future projects as she has a lot of experience in this area.
- Andy Murray has cleared the bridges at Skivo that were blocked between Christmas and New Year.
- Strimmer Course - Andy will contact Willy directly with respect to this course.
- There has been a lot of fly-tipping at Bellsquarry Industrial Estate. Andy will speak to the Site Manager and investigate a bit further about trying to organise a clean-up.
- Grace from Forth Rivers Trust has emailed to ask whether we would like any surplus trees from WLC to plant at the site we've identified or somewhere else suitable.

6. Diary of events/Upcoming Projects

- 1 March 2026 - Central Scotland Wildlife Group (CSWG) have suggested this date for installation of bat boxes around the Campbridge Pond area. The best material for bat boxes is Woodcrete, but they can also be made from marine grade ply. After some discussion, it was decided that we would buy some bat boxes (maybe about 6 depending on the cost), and that Bernie and Arthur would make some small bird boxes, plus a tawny owl box. Gillian will send through some plans. Isabel will see if the Community Garden volunteers would come and help.
- 18 April 2026; from 10am onwards - it is proposed to carry out cleaning of the gullies and surrounding drains at the concrete steps on the south side of Murieston Water. Everyone to bring scoops, spades, brushes and the wheelbarrow, plus the pump for the tyres.
- We are still working on a more cohesive plan for next year's projects.

7. AOB

- There was a proposal that the cancelled social night be rescheduled for Friday 13 March 2026, at Bankton House; meeting at 7pm for pizza and drinks.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

8. Date of next meeting

12 March 2026: 7.15 pm at the Cricket Club.

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