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Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of Meeting 12 March 2026

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1. Attendees

Isabel Taggart, Gillian de Felice, Kay Goldup, Arthur Marris, Bernie Tremain and Jackie Tremain.

2. Apologies for Absence

Shelagh Taylor, Andy Murray, Alison Wright and Alan Murray.

3. Approval of February's minutes

Gillian proposed and Isobel seconded.

4. Treasurers report

Current bank balance is £2714.96.33. There was expenditure of £934.64 on 13 Bat Boxes.

5. Projects Update/ Discussion

- Arthur, Alan, Bernie and Jackie joined Central Scotland Wildlife Group (CSWG) and some other volunteers from Almond Valley Nature Action (AVNA) to install 15 bat boxes, 6 small bird boxes and 1 Tawny Owl Box, whilst other volunteers removed rhododendrons from an area between the Trail and path round Cambridge Pond. The cuttings need to be burned whenever they have dried out as it was too wet on the day to do so.
- The accounts are due by the of the month and should be presented at the April meeting. Gillian has asked Shelagh if she could do that.
- Gillian had a meeting with Alison Wright who is happy to help MEG with fundraising for future projects and she will collate a list of organisations that we can apply to for grants. One of the first things we need to do is complete a survey across a broad spectrum of Murieston residents in order to ascertain what is felt to be needed, for example - improved accessibility etc. Gillian will work on the questions and will send them out to the rest of us for comments before finalising the survey. She will also create a QR code to help with getting the survey out to local residents.
- Fundraising - it was suggested that we think about the possibility of holding a Race Night at the Cricket Club and/or a raffle to help raise money for future projects.

6. Diary of events/Upcoming Projects

- 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.
- 31 May 2026 - Jenny from the Cricket Club has offered us the opportunity to have a stall at their Open day.
- It was also suggested that we should start work on the preparation of the Wild Flower Meadow. This will be actioned at the April meeting.

7. AOB

- There is enough material left for another Tawny Owl Box to be made at some point in the future. The wood for this project was donated by Bernie Tremain.
- The postponed Social Evening is still to be arranged
- David from CSWG has suggested that they come back in May with thermal imaging equipment to check on the bird, owl and bat boxes, and to carry out ringing of any chicks.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

8. Date of next meeting

9 April 2026: 7.15 pm at the Cricket Club.

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