



Registered Charity no
SCO43123

Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of Meeting 9 April 2026

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1. Attendees

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

2. Apologies for Absence

Shelagh Taylor, Andy Murray, Alison Wright and Kay Goldup.

3. Approval of February's minutes

Gillian proposed and Arthur seconded.

4. Treasurers report

Current bank balance is £2714.96.33. There has been no expenditure since last month. Shelagh has done the accounts and forwarded them to Arthur and Alan for the OSCR report, which is due in December. Arthur proposed acceptance of the accounts and this was seconded by Alan. Arthur will get the accounts checked by his neighbour who is an accountant.

5. Projects Update/ Discussion

- The rhododendron cuttings still need to be burnt. Alan will have another go at doing this when they are a bit drier.
- Gillian has set up an on-line survey regarding Campbridge Pond, and will try to launch it at the weekend with a QR code. This will be posted on our FB page and sent to local groups, and potentially a poster for the notice board.
- Thermal imaging/ultrasonic detectors - Callum will come sometime in May - date to be confirmed. It is possible that we can open this up to the public.
- Metal plates should apparently be placed around the holes in the bird boxes to protect against woodpeckers. Bernie will investigate this.
- Any bird IDs can be added to i-naturalist and i-record. There is a project set-up for the Linhouse Loop.
- Gillian will look into sourcing a MEG banner.

6. Diary of events/Upcoming Projects

- 18 April 2026; from 10.30-12.30 - Gillian will post the event on Facebook. Alan will go and check beforehand that the wheelbarrow is in working order, and Gillian and Alan will meet at the Cricket Club on the day to collect the barrow. Everyone else will meet at the Concrete Step with scoops, spades, brushes.
- 31 May 2026 - Jenny from the Cricket Club has offered us the opportunity to have a stall at their Open day. It was suggested that we have a sale of second-hand books donated by MEG members in order to attract interest in our stall, and then try to promote MEG. Jenny has said it is ok for us to do this. Books can be dropped to Gillian's house or brought to the meeting in May. Jackie will try to make some craft items as well. Luca (Gillian's son) will make a poster for the book sale, and hopefully we will have a banner by then as well.
- Wild Flower Meadow - no groundwork can be started on this project until the end of July, which is when we can start cutting back grass etc. A spot has been identified under the trees for the cuttings.

7. AOB

- There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

8. Date of next meeting

14 May 2026: 7.15 pm at the Cricket Club.

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