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Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of Meeting 10 Sep 2026

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1. Attendees

Alan Murray, Arthur Marris, Isabel Taggart, Jackie Tremain, Bernie Tremain, and Kay Goldup.

2. Apologies for Absence

Lara Haken, Ella Haken, Shelagh Taylor, Gillian de Felice, and Andy Murray

3. Approval of August's minutes

Alan Murray proposed and Kay Goldup seconded.

4. Treasurers report

Current Balance £2537.23.

We have received £96 from WLCAN for seeds for the wildflower meadow.

In addition, we took £156 at the Cricket Club Gala Day. Expenses still to be clarified and the balance remains to be paid into the account.

5. Projects Update/ Discussion

- 22 August - Scything Event: Andy, Alan, Jackie and Bern attended. Some of the paths through the park have been widened. The Council have not been cutting some of the areas they used to and the paths were very overgrown.
- 24th August - FIT Count: Gillian, Shelagh, Bernie and Jackie carried out the count at the proposed site for the wildflower meadow.
- Saturday 5 September - Gala Day at Cricket Club: We had a second-hand book sale, plus a Treasure Hunt, Guess the Square, and Hook the Duck. We took £156 on the day. The Murieston Community Garden joined us on the day to promote themselves and to sell some fresh produce. They took £62 which will go back into the garden. Big thanks are due to Lara and Ella for all the hard work they put into the Treasure Hunt, Guess the Square, Hook the Duck, and also for sourcing the very good prizes for these. The prizes were as follows: a voucher for Five Sisters Zoo from Beauty Within at West Calder, a Gin Hamper from Signature Group, Edinburgh, and a Playmobil set from Lara's sister, Debbie Laing. Many thanks to our donors for their generosity.
- Gillian and Alan joined Forth Rivers Trust to carry out some more eradication of Japanese Knotweed at Breich Water.

6. Diary of events/Upcoming Projects

- Wildflower Meadow - We have received funding from WLCAN for seeds for the wildflower garden. Thanks to Lara for setting this in motion. There may be more funding to come to complete the project, e.g. for signage. We need to scythe and scarify the area for the meadow. Alan will contact Calum (WLC Ranger) with regard to this, and we will set dates for the work via WhatsApp as it will be weather dependent. The scythe blades may need to be sharpened before then.
- Unfortunately, neither Gillian nor Alan were able to go to the WLCAN meeting on 26 August.
- Saturday 12 September - proposed date for a Bat Walk to check the bat boxes and bird boxes that we installed earlier in the year. Alan will contact Calum to confirm the details.

7. AOB

- Alan and Arthur will liaise to do the OSCR Report which is due by the end of the year. The accounts have been done and examined already. There is just the Chairman's Report to do.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

8. Date of next meeting

8 Oct 2026: 7.15 pm at the Cricket Club.

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