



Registered Charity no
SCO43123

Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of meeting 20th June 2019

1. Attendees

Arthur Marris, Pauline McCourt, Ainslie Muldoon, Michelle Van Eck
Apologies: Ian Jeffray, Alistair Hunter, Ian Boyd-Livingston

2. Approval of last month's minutes

PMcC Approved, MVE seconded

3. Treasurers report

Balance on 20th June 2019 was £2,639.67. Expenditure of £84 for insurance, and income from Amazon smile and the co-op since last meeting. (An earlier draft of the minutes reported a balance of £2718.67 on the 16th June before the £84 insurance expenditure had been deducted).

4. Projects update

A successful bat walk was held at Campbridge pond on 3rd May with about 30 people in attendance. Many thanks to Luke Taylor of the West Lothian Ranger service for facilitating this and PMcC for organizing.

PMcC is in contact with Luke about arranging a pond dipping event at the pond for July.

A successful litter pick was held on 11th May. Many thanks to all the people who turned up, MvE for organizing and NETS for their support.

PMcC and IBL have engaged with Bellsquarry primary school P6 class in designing a community garden. This has been a great success with the children being very enthusiastic about the project. The school has been able to incorporate maths and science learning in the project. There have been reports of contaminated land at the chosen site for the community garden. This has delayed ground breaking at the site until further guidance has been received regarding site safety. Using raised beds might be adequate mitigation, or it is possible an alternative site might need to be chosen. Action for IBL to follow up with the council to ensure members of the public will not be put at risk in creating the community garden.

It was agreed we should hold an evening volunteer event soon to do pruning and clean-up. It was suggested we should use the boat on Campbridge pond as part of the clean up and at the same time attempt to capture the feral terrapins.

5. Diary of events

- ?? July – Clean up and turtle wrangling at Campbridge pond
- ?? July – pond dipping at Campbridge pond
- 7th September – Dog show

6. AOB

7. Date of next meeting and AGM 25th July 2019, 7pm at Cricket Club

8. Meeting closed at 8.30 pm