



Registered Charity no  
SCO43123

# Murieston Environmental Group

## Minutes of meeting 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019

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### 1. Attendees

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

### 2. Approval of last month's minutes

IJ Approved, PMcC seconded

### 3. Treasurers report

Balance on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 was £1698.08. Since last October money has been spent on "Fish in the class room" and expenses related to the dog show. Income of £25.64 has been received from Amazon Smile.

Murieston Environmental Group is very grateful to the Co-op who have kindly agreed to fund "Fish in the class room" through their Local Community Fund.

Last year's accounts have been audited and were submitted to OSCR at the beginning of December. This year's accounts will run to the end of March.

### 4. Projects update

Successful litter pick was held on 28th October

Williamston School and Bright Horizons Nursery again are the participants in "Fish in the class room" as Bellsquarry School had already planned their lessons for this year. Bellsquarry School might participate in next year's "Fish in the class room".

Contacted SEPA regarding the dead fish in Cambridge Pond and they responded promptly.

PMcC will take the lead with initiating the community garden with IBL assisting. PMcC has actions to talk to Bellsquarry school about getting P6 involved in the design of the garden, Jenny about setting ground rules and mapping the exact site, and Alister's Beaver group leader to see if the Scouts are interested in maintaining the garden with a view to getting badges.

PMcC has actions to contact Lynn about finalizing dates for the pond dipping and bat walk. She is still waiting for an update from Lynn who has now moved to a new job.

Last meeting's minutes suggested repairs to the bench might be necessary. As it turned out no repairs were necessary. Since the last meeting the cemeteries team have installed new benches.

AM had an action to contact the council about getting a fallen tree trimmed back to improve access to one of the paths at the South West corner of the cricket field. The council responded and took some action. Arthur has requested that the council take further action to cut the tree back some more to improve access further.

### 5. Diary of events

- No firm dates yet

### 6. AOB

We welcomed Ian Boyd-Livingston to MEG. Ian has recently moved to Murieston and has a background in fundraising and outreach for conservation and environmental causes such as the Woodland Trust. He

is also studying permaculture design and is part of a policy working group at the Permaculture Association. Ian has volunteered to join the MEG committee so now we have two Ians on the committee!

**7. Date of next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019, 7pm at Cricket Club**

**8. Meeting closed at 8.15 pm**

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