



Registered Charity no
SCO43123

Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of meeting 21st March 2019

1. Attendees

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

2. Approval of last month's minutes

IJ Approved, PMcC seconded

3. Treasurers report

Balance on 21st March 2019 was £1698.08. Unchanged since the February meeting

This year's accounts will run until the end of March.

4. Projects update

Williamston School and Bright Horizons Nursery are again the participants in the "Fish in the class room" project of the Forth Rivers Trust. Williamston School released their fish into Murieston Water on the 13th March and Bright Horizons nursery are due to do so on the 27th March. Photographs of these two events are available on the Murieston Environmental Group's Facebook page.

MEG contacted SEPA regarding the dead fish in Campbridge Pond. SEPA responded quickly and reported back that no pollution had been found and the deaths were mostly likely due to low oxygen levels in the pond which were exacerbated when the pond iced over.

PMcC has taken 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 contacted Luke Taylor at the Ranger service who has replaced Lynn to finalize dates for the pond dipping and bat walk. The bat walk has now been confirmed for the 3rd May.

AM had an action to contact the council about getting a fallen tree trimmed back to improve access to a path at the South West corner of the cricket field. The council has responded, and the tree has been cut back so access has been restored.

MvE is considering organizing a joint litter pick with the Brownies.

5. Diary of events

- 3rd May – bat walk – 8-9.30pm at Campbridge pond
- 7th September – Dog show

6. AOB

None

7. Date of next meeting 18th April 2019, 7pm at Cricket Club

8. Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

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