



Registered Charity no
SCO43123

Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of meeting 21st June 2018

1. Attendees

Arthur Marris, Pauline McCourt, Ainslie Jones, Alistair Hunter, Michelle Van Eck. Also: Allison Ross, Jenny Anderson
Apologies: Ian Jeffray, Isobel Lyman

2. Approval of last month's minutes

MvE Approved, PMcC seconded.

3. Treasurers report

Balance on 21st June 2018 was £1969.94

£84 was spent on the 27th May for insurance renewal. This expenditure was formally approved by all in attendance. We have insurance valid until the 5th June 2019.

The yearly accounts had previously been presented and approved at the AGM. The AGM was held just prior to this meeting.

4. Projects update

Moving the planters to Bright Horizons nursery– AJ reported the planters have now been replanted and would present a modest expense claim for this at the next meeting.

Pond dipping – Successful event held on 27th May with West Lothian Ranger service. Thanks to PMcC for organising.

A tidy up event was held at Campbridge pond on Wednesday the 13th June. There was not much litter surrounding the pond, but we retrieved a quantity of bottles and other rubbish from the pond using the boat.

There are reports and photos posted to the MEG Facebook page concerning all three of the above projects.

Williamston Wood – Volunteer event scheduled for 9th September. No update.

Dog show - Jenny says Ladywell Dog Groomers have agreed to supply a judge for the dog show on the 1st September. Jenny also suggested she would organise her group to create the rosettes. MvE said that we will need to update the MEG posters before the dog show to show up-to-date MEG activities. AJ said she would think about what activities the nursery might hold at the MEG stall. All present indicated that they are likely to be available to attend the dog show.

Discussed what other events could be held with the Ranger Service. Jenny said she could offer the cricket club premises and was keen to hold joint events with MEG. PMcC took an action to talk to Lynn at the ranger service to see what else they could do besides the bat walk and pond dipping. Making nest boxes was suggested as a possibility.

AH said he would think about whether he could run a project for path improvement.

It was agreed that it would be nice to hold an evening event later in the summer to prune back vegetation overhanging the paths.

It was agreed that hold a joint litter pick with the community council in late autumn would be a good idea. AM took an action to talk to the community council about this.

There was discussion with Jenny on the possibility of setting up a community garden at the cricket club which could be tended by children from the nursery.

5. Diary of events

- TBD – Pruning of overgrown vegetation along the paths at the end of August
- 1st September - Dog show/gala day at the Cricket Club
- 9th September – Volunteer event at Williamston Wood in conjunction with the Woodland Trust
- 18th September – Bat walk
- TBD – Litter pick along Linnhouse water from the Skivo entrance towards Linn Jaw waterfall. Perhaps in conjunction with Harburn people? Also possibly hold a joint litter pick with the community council in the autumn?

6. AOB

Allison Ross attended and suggested there were not enough litter bins available for disposing of dog excrement. Allison said she would report back on exactly which location requires a new bin so we can then request the council to supply one.

7. Date of next meeting 19th July 2018, 7pm at Cricket Club

8. Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

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