

Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group

Meeting: 20th April 2006, The Well Country Inn

Present: J.Shepherd, E.Carruthers, S.Garvie, M.McGinnes, L.Batchelor, D.Batchelor, M.Hogg, R.Barlow, A.Bradley L.&D Batchelor

Apologies: R.McDonnell, M.Brown, M.Hogg, H.Rolton

Minutes of previous meeting agreed as a true reflection

Woodland Trust Update

Leaflet Dispenser: ongoing

Viewpoint Indicator: WT funding has come forward into current year. D.Munro will have history/geography notes available for the May meeting. KMcD to take forward.

Weather data: Still experiencing difficulty in collecting data, S.Garvie to purchase rain guage and record..

Treasurer's Report: £1819.91 in account, only expenditure relates to Biodiversity awareness day, which will be reclaimed from funding body. KMcD to take forward.

Paths Group: no update

Curling Pavilion: no update

Biodiversity Training Day: Success, KMcD provided report to CWA, attached to minutes for info. Group will benefit from running the event, balance sheet available at May meeting.

Website: PCC web cannot support, J.Gunnel to look at freespace and purchase of domain names. Model for website discussed needs content; maps of walks (downloadable), Short notes on Burns Supper and Biodiversity Day (DB to do Burns supper, KMcD to do Biodiversity day), Ecology (H.Rolton to be approached), Meeting minutes archive KMcD to forward.

Approach R.Barlow regards pdf of the Moss leaflet.

Burns Supper: D.Batchelor raised the possibility of commissioning music for next years event, no update..

Tree Tubes and Stakes: Donated to school as one component of eco-schools celebration, CWA funded event £100, to be reclaimed by KMcD.

10th Anniversary: McGonigal night at the Well Country Inn, JS to speak with. How many seats, reverse meal; coffee mints, trifle, pies, soup. Alternative venues; Loch Leven Larder, Lochend Farm?

Timber (Community Use) Removal from Site: R.Barlow confirmed arrangements made are suitable. Necessary insurance in place, require to arrange date for movement. JS to take forward.

Kilmagadwood: No update regards fencing to improve access. Deer fence one component of management plan revision will require public consultation and detailed explanation of benefits in terms of site development.

Signage for Woodland: no update.

Path deterioration: Ali Hibbert advised that areas of path require to be recovered, type 1 plus power barrow should do. New £3k, or could consider hiring. Post proud of ground level at rhododendrons. Flooding at rhs, major requirement need to install drainpipe perhaps needs specialist repair. Set a workday? R.Barlow to advise can include in existing plans.

Kilmagadwood: Tetley Trail on WT land, issues around original path and path as used for T-T, to look as as group as part of management plan.

Kinross Show: KMcD completed paperwork, what could we sell to cover costs? Grow your own Christmas tree suggested.

Red Squirrel sightings Further sightings, 2 seen.

Portmoak Festival Niall Lobley to arrange walk etc PCW group to establish information point with perhaps a slide show at Lochend Farm

Purchase of Thicknesser: Completed, A.Bradley suggested addendum discussed and retained for future reference.

AoCB

The Big Tent: Clashes with Portmoak Festival, KMcD to contact and provide information to be available at the event.

Brash piles in the Moss: When in the Moss respread to ensure that not a fire hazard.

Fife Ranger Service: Requested brash from the Moss to make besoms at environment day, have their own risk assessment, hand tools only, have offered to support one of our events later in the year.
Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 18th May 2006, Well Country Inn at 1930hrs