

Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group

Meeting: 17th July 2008 The Well Country Inn

Present: K.McDonnell, R.Barlow, J.Shepherd, S.Garvie,
J.Gunnell, K.Hawryszczuk, D.Carruthers, L&D Batchelor,
M.Brown, A.Bradley, M.McGinnes, L.Botten
M.Hogg,

Woodland Trust Update

Additional Land Purchase: WT reported significant success in fundraising, detail to be available for the August meeting. Estimated 20k from postal/web donations, 20k from WT high donors. In addition to a pledge of £1 for every £2 raised locally. For subsequent years 20k 2009 and 20k 2010 also from WT high donors. It was agreed that PCW Group should donate 2k from their funds towards initial purchase costs (JS to write cheque)

If we exceed costs can achieve more, engage people in planting and management activities for example, not all items in the Kilmagadwood Management Plan are budgeted for.

Once purchase confirmed a public meeting to be called to agree how land should be used, 80% to be planted 20% open ground (tied into access points) There will be a requirement for pre-planning to ensure WT criteria adhered to. Discussed the opportunity to provide car parking adjacent to the sheep pens and also to modify the road edge to increase visibility for both traffic and pedestrians.

Discussed portion of land belonging to Church of Scotland and potential issues linked to closure of church, should note interest in land.

Sing a long Sound of Music

Unable to get copy with sub titles, can be achieved by printing off song sheets, use the event as a celebration of achievement

The Moss

Water level monitoring on-going, evidence of horses using path more frequently.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Calum McIntyre doing excellent work removing rhododendron. There is however a further requirement to undertake drainage improvements before the winter, especially on all-abilities loop.

Interpretation

S.Garvie to re-send draft for comment, sub-group created to agree text, includes Hilary Rolton and Dave Batchelor. WT will put onto board, PCW to agree fixings etc.

Viewpoint Indicator

Ongoing

Treasurers Report

£2271.39 in account.

AoCB**Squirrel Officer**

L Botten reported that a local officer has indeed been appointed and is available to provide talks, undertake monitoring and control where required.

Hung -up Birch

D.Batchelor can undertake activities now that holds first aid cert, requires to review risk assessment and return with signature to WT. RBarlow to email over a copy.

Leaflet Dispenser

WT to provide additional leaflets for Portmoak Moss.

Big Tent

Andrew Thomson of the Community Woodland Association in touch to advise of the Big Tent and to ask if we might be interested in supporting on the weekend and through providing information leaflets. The CWA annual conference will be held in Fife, hoping to have a site visit to PCW, can agree involvement once theme for conference clarified.

Next Meeting: Thursday 21st August The Well Country Inn