

Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group

Meeting: 18th September The Well Country Inn

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

Woodland Trust Update

Additional Land Purchase: Legal process almost complete for acquisition of field above the Church. On point of concluding missives the 'entry' date will then be agreed hopefully end of October 2008. Considering lease in relation to portion of land owned by Church of Scotland, this would be for a 20-25 year period. WT will enter into discussions with P&K Council regards an off-road walking route following conclusion of missives.

WT to produce banners with WT/PCW logos suggested text "Your new community woodland'. JG to send logo to RB. WT would like to host a 'celebration' for donors during December most likely a Sunday in the Well Country Inn. WT are considering making a statement that all trees on the new land will be planted by local people, this would be one element of a community consultation and design workshop at which a range of options would be presented.

Sing a long Sound of Music

Scheduled for 22nd November, JG to do posters, have the film with sub-titles. Trojan to do tickets

The Moss

Birch treated during early august appears to be dying back especially around path edges. WT had considered a further application of herbicide in September however too wet.

Grahamston path very worn, requires to be maintained, mentioned by a number of people.

EC had mentioned drainage adjacent to all-abilities loop, very deep water, this has been reviewed with DoE volunteer and suitable measures put in place to highlight potential hazard.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Calum McIntyre continuing to do excellent work in addition to all-abilities loop working on rhododendron which will need to be removed from site for burning (perhaps on hard standing at Moss entrance)

Interpretation

Text has been agreed via sub-group, art work has been produced at a cost of £200. Draft text agreed by sub-group and circulated.

Viewpoint Indicator

Sub-group taking forward.

Treasurers Report

£20 in account.

Burns Supper

Richard Scott had been in touch advising that his company would be unable to support the BS in 2009, KMcD had written to him and thanked him for the support provided.

Suggestions made that the following should be approached, Gliding Club, Pipe Band dance caterers, Lochleven Larder and Lochend Farm Shop. KMcD to circulate balance sheet for last years event so a decision could be made about how much we can afford to pay for catering and probable break even point.

AoCB

DoE Improve Grahamston Road end entrance by moving some of type 1 from pile at turning point within Moss.

Seating Number of verbal requests for seating, WT need to advise on 'policy' to avoid ad-hoc seating.

CWA Conference Site Visit afternoon of Saturday 8th November, 1400-1630hrs. 15-30 delegates walk round Moss and Kilmagad plus new land with PCW members explaining 'how we got here', any barriers and what we are intending to do next. Volunteers required will need 4-5 folk.

Next Meeting: Thursday 18th September The Well Country Inn