

PORTMOAK COMMUNITY WOODLAND STEERING GROUP MINUTES 16 Apr 2013

Present: Louise Batchelor (chairing), Dave Batchelor, Lesley Botten (mins), Alison Bradley, Gary Bolton, Stuart Garvie, Jeff Gunnell, Karen MacDonnell, Michael McGinnes, Jim Shepherd **Apologies:** Dave Carruthers, Elaine Carruthers

WOODLAND TRUST UPDATE

1. PORTMOAK MOSS:

About 45 new dams installed, first phase of birch spraying completed (2nd phase July) and lots of regeneration cleared.

Gary & Louise awaiting further contact from BT who want to bring volunteers when better weather comes.

Hydrology experts are about to start surveys.

Paths will be reinstated later in the year.

Duncan Davidson continuing his moth survey work.

ACTION: Louise to send photos to Gary of contractors working in the snow.

ACTION: Gary to put Froglife and Buglife in touch so they can organise public events.

ACTION: Louise to ask Duncan Davidson about something similar on moths.

ACTION: Louise to speak to Sheila Goudie about involving the Scouts.

ACTION: Stuart & Michael to measure dipwells Saturday 20 April

2. KILMAGADWOOD

The redundant rabbit fencing will be removed soon.

TREASURER'S REPORT & BURNS SUPPER

In relation to the addition of two extra signatories to the Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group bank account it was resolved by the meeting that there should be two authorised signatories for unlimited amounts. The bank mandate form was completed and signed by the chair.

March bank statement shows balance of £2,780.

Jeff presented a summary of the accounts for the Burns Supper which added £740 to PCWSG funds, although the bar made a slight loss.

LENZIE MOSS EVENT 18 April 2013

Gary taking Alison, Jeff and Stuart. Dave & Louise will take their car. Jeff prepared a presentation about Portmoak Moss but will also be interested to hear about Lenzie's approach.

PORTMOAK FESTIVAL committee has asked if the usual opening event in the Hall and be followed by a picnic in the community orchard.

ACTION: Louise to speak to Dallas Seawright, Countryside Ranger, about scythe training to clear the area needed of thistles and weeds.

ACTION: Dave C to quote for clearing central gully area for the picnic as an alternative.

ACTION: Louise to let the Portmoak Festival Committee know that it is the Festival's responsibility to prepare a risk assessment.

COMMUNITY ORCHARD

ACTION: ALL – Saturday 20th April, 10.30 finish the apple tree pruning

ACTION: Louise to source plastic mulch mats (100).

ACTION: Dave B to send photos from the day to Mike to put up on Facebook page.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Woodland Trust signs for Kilmagad Gary will be applying for planning permission.

Request to remove birch seedlings from Portmoak Moss Ali Hibbert has asked to take birch for replanting on her land at Saline.

Free mini radios Michael has lots of wee free radios to give away.

ACTION ALL: Reassure the community that if they see lights on the Moss at night it is probably the moth man and not poachers.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 21st May 2013