

Minutes from Portmoak Community Woodland 15 April 2010, Well Inn, Scotlandwell

1. Apologies: L Batchelor,

2. Present: D Bachelor L.Botten, A Bradley, J Shepherd, J Gunnell, M McGinnes,

3. Woodland Update : DB is contacting Simon Byford re funding from Kinrosshire Fund – this will cover capital expenditure only.

Nothing further has been heard from MOD re planting of trees now in DB's garage. KMcD to follow up.

Roy Barlow's successor is James Gilmour, Woodland Officer, Glen Cottage, Garvald – jamesgilmour@woodlandtrust.org.uk

A swathe of trees in the upper area have had their tops nibbled off – could be work of one deer.

4. Orchard update: There is an apple supplier in Ayrshire who will source berries also. Scottish varieties wanted, including Russets. It was agreed information be gathered for next meeting. It was suggested fruit trees could be planted alongside the access steps, but the ground at the top belongs to Dave Morris.

5. Land by Car Park: In the absence of S Garvie no update on this was available.

6. Storage of tools etc. JS suggested that the Curling Pond Pavilion might be made into a store with permission of Bishopshire Curling Club. The old Laundry at The Well was proposed as an alternative store, but it is understood it cannot be used for this purpose. It was suggested we might build own store or use a storage container with wood cladding and a strong padlock. It was confirmed that the "iron horse" could negotiate the ramp and steps in the Moss.

M McG said he had a range of tools including saws etc and he will compile a list of these. DB has one brashing tool. KMcD also has some equipment.

7. Curling Pond: This has been cleared by Scotlandwell in Bloom and friends and by community service volunteers. There are still stumps to be removed. Birch scrub will respond as though coppiced if chopped off at base, while Sitka is unlikely to re-grow if similarly chopped .

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm