

MINUTES OF PORTMOAK COMMUNITY WOODLAND GROUP STEERING COMMITTEE – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Present: Jeff Gunnell (in Chair), Gary Bolton (WT), Leslie Botten, Alison Bradley, Stuart Garvie. Mike McGinnes.

Apologies: Dave and Louise Batchelor

1. Woodland Trust Update: **Gary will circulate the Hydrological Report.** SNH are agreeable to continuing to fund our ongoing programme. **Gary will email/talk to Andrew McBride.**
2. Lantern Walk: Arrangements were discussed in accordance with the circulated programme and duties appropriately allocated to PCWG Committee Members who are asked to **be present at the Moss at 5pm.**
3. Curling Pond: Stuart advised that the future of this is to be discussed at a meeting in due course. It should form part of the Management Plan.
4. Treasurer: Lesley reported that the Village Hall Committee has requested information as to the disbursement of any profits made by the Group. It was confirmed that the profits are generally minimal, eg from the Burns Supper and other events, and that any such are spent for the benefit of the community. The only sums paid to the Woodland Trust are those specifically raised for that purpose, eg for the purchase of the field on Kilmagad.
5. Maintenance: The mulch mats have been placed and dead wood has been pruned. The cherry trees appear to have died and it was agreed that no further such trees should be planted. Gary recommended damsons and Victoria plums as being suitable.
6. Bird Survey: Scott Paterson, the Perth & Kinross bird recorder, would like to do winter and spring surveys on the Moss in which the Group would assist, and would also be agreeable to offering guided walks. He will come to our next meeting with an update of bird information in the Moss. It is proposed to hold a Bird Day on the same lines as the successful Moth and Butterfly Day.
7. Website: Jeff reported that the website is up to date.
8. Christmas Trees: These will be discussed at next meeting.
9. Burns Supper: Fifi said she would do a poem if required. Helen has agreed to do catering. Dave Batchelor to advise his bookings.
10. Living Lowlands Lomond Partnership: There have been changes to the procedures for procurement of funding. It was noted that our own requirements have been reduced since we made our initial application. We would hope our need would be under £10k, eg lepidoptera and hydrological surveys have now taken place. The Partnership have made the same application for years 2 and 3.
11. AOCB
  - (a) Buglife have applied for funding for a study of dragonflies.
  - (b) Boglife (SNH) have not yet been in touch.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.