

Portmoak Community Woodland Group

20 December 2016

Present

Alison Bradley	Sheena Jamieson	Michael McGinness	Leslie Botten
Elaine Carruthers	Dave Carruthers	Stuart Garvie	Stuart Byers
Jeff Gunnell (Chair)			

Apologies

Louise Batchelor	Dave Batchelor	Nic Cassidy
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1. Matters arising

- a. Lag fen project. Should send an article to CWA for their newsletter: **Jeff**.

2. Woodland Trust Update

None provided:

Planting on hill:

Alison has provided some good pics. Possible Newsletter article. **Louise**.

Should mention at Burns Supper. **Mosses, waters...**

Add to website. **Jeff**.

Can we find any old photos or maps showing how it used to be? **All**

Chris and Stuart have propped up the bench on the hill. Potential to replace with dedication bench. PCWG can publicise if required.

PCWG maintenance required: notes for WT

- Any movement on the Grahamstone entrance improvements? *In Gary's plan.*
- Wearing out: the bridge by the steps at the leaky area. *In Gary's plan.*
- Bridge off the main track track to the south looking in poor shape.
- Trees on the airfield side at the southern perimeter look vulnerable.
- Dangerous looking tree on the main avenue into the Moss from Scotlandwell entrance.
- Going in from Scotlandwell, turning left off the main path, informal route, bridge and especially the rail looking rotten.
- Alison's fence. According to Alison's deeds, the WT own it. Needs a bit of restoration. Preferred option is to repair rather than remove. Just needs 2 fence posts.
- Going in at Grahamstone, turning right where there used to be some edging boards - they've rotted away so the retainers for them are sticking up and are tripping hazards. Also some metal loops here and there also tripping hazards.
- Damage to old steps - repair is urgent. Safety hazard.

3. Bog snorkeling

- a. It rained! We were poorly! The dog ate our homework! Again!

4. Treasure's report

- a. No change: £3843.

5. Place of Standard consultation Dave to fill in. Grrrr.

Whatever it means, it's to be continued until Dave tells us what it is and how he has met all expectations. **Dave B**.

6. Photo competition

Mainly waiting for **Louise** to send an eMail to Alison for the KCC. But in the meantime, here are some ideas:

- a. Could get people to send in prints for display at Festival, if there is one. And could display on a laptop as a slide show.
- b. Could use the FaceBook page.
- c. Could display them in the Moss, near where they were taken. Or on a string in the Moss.

d. Age group categories. Equipment categories (cell phone, SRL,...)

7. Christmas tree event

- a. Objectives: Raise money. Get the community and their children into the Moss. Have fun doing it and get all Christmassy. Advertise the Burns Supper.
 - i. Raise money: better than last year: £937.
 - ii. Get community into the Moss: even more people than last time and a lot of positive feedback. More additions to our eMail list.
 - iii. Food and drink went well and creates a good atmosphere.
 - iv. Got some sales for the Burns Supper.Basically all objectives met.

Make a checklist ready for next year. **Jeff**.

8. Burns Supper

In the absence of the BurnsMeister we did what we could as a pale imitation of what the BM himself would have done. But it seems like things are pretty much in hand.

- a. Whisky. We have another generous donation - of 100 miniatures which we would get for half price = £100. If we get 120 people, might need to use one bottle too. Confirm we want to do it with miniatures. **Dave B.**
- b. Cutlery. Could buy 120 settings (7 piece) for £202.56. Need to find out what we could charge for hiring them out. Some would go AWOL so if we do it, buy 140 settings. But no action so Helen to provide.
- c. Alcohol license applied for.
- d. Publicity material distributed.
- e. Keep price at £25. Need to look at last years financials to plan for this year. Especially the cost of catering. Spread sheet provided to help with predicting financials.
- f. Catering: Roll with soup. Veggie haggis - allow 10 but confirm final number. **Stuart**. Haggis, neeps and tatties. Pudding. Same cost as last year. All to be checked before the event. **Dave B.**
- g. Raffle very important to finances. Really to push ticket sales. And make an effort to get more donated prizes. Matt has already made a bird table. Possible donors: Wellside Powerwash, Wellside Motors, for example. Local businesses and supermarkets?
- h. Wine plus glasses ordered. Price goes up to £11. (Cost went up a bit from last year).
- i. Beer orderd by Dave C. Price?
- j. Piper? **Dave B.**
- k. Poozie / Selkirk. Chloe / Kirsty. Or vice versa.
- l. Projector: Leslie to check with Film Club.
- m. Programmes: **Dave B.**
- n. Raffle: big effort on tickets, plus put prizes somewhere more visible.
- o. Soft drinks.

9. AOB- from last time so we don't forget.

- a. Kirsty Jamieson says we should label our apple trees as Eaters or Cookers.
- b. And we should have much bigger labels (cf Dunkeld Orchard).
- c. Push WT for another lantern event.