

MINUTES FOR 19.02.19 MEETING PCWG

1. Present: Jeff, Stu, Marje, John, Mike, Stuart, Dave, Louise, Dave B, Elaine, Lesley, Sheena, Charlotte, Gary
2. Apologies: Nic, Graham, Calum and Chloe
3. Minutes from last minute were approved
4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda:
 - Red squirrel data collection has been investigated by Louise but it may not be a 'group' activity. Louise to investigate and report
 - George 'moth man' will support the biodiversity day and let us know of other days when he will be in the Moss
5. Treasurer's report:
 - Lesley asked for any further invoices relating to the Burns Ceilidh. If no more are submitted then the profit is £591 - this is £541 less than last year's event.
 - At the moment we have a bank total £8109 but this will reduce by £1,375 once all payments are made
6. Chris's project
 - Lesley has submitted the funding application to the newsletter fund
 - Lesley is ready to submit the other funding application which is due by the 4th of March. Mid May would be the time to use this money should we be successful
 - Portmoak Festival might be a good time to 'open' this addition to the orchard but other times are being considered. It might be possible to have an official opening prior to the festival and a childrens' event at the festival
7. Burns Ceilidh review
 - The event for very successful. The music was great and the food yummy. Non dancing entertainment was also VG. Everyone had a good time and criticism was minimal. Children were in moderation and therefore did not dominate the event.
 - Plan is to repeat this for 2020 on the 1st of Feb

8. Events planning:

- Dawn chorus - 5th of May - Stewart to confirm
- Orchard pruning - 2nd March
- Christmas tree pruning - 24th March
- Birch pulling, Lesley and Mike plan to begin this on Sat (23rd Feb), other dates will follow and all members will take part. Lesley will email her dates to the group as will Sheena.
- Gary will arrange to poison trees in March or August and we will assign different areas for pulling and poisoning to avoid overlap (and death!)
- Kinclaven woodland group volunteers - this group will be asked to join us birch pulling on the 23rd of March (Louise to liaise with Matilda to coordinate the date and/or suggest another date out-with the bird nesting season)
- WTS biodiversity day (15th June) - we have a programme (emailed by WT) and hope we will have a few members present on the day
- Teacher day - another event is planned and a funding request has been made to the Primary Science Teaching Trust
- The local primary school will be having a John Muir day in Spring (Sheena to confirm date)
- Next Christmas tree event will be 15th December

9. WTS update and PCWG report for WT (unsafe trees/bridges etc)

- Gary reported some information about his work in other woodlands. WT will continue to take care of unsafe trees and a bridge which is becoming unsafe

10. WT Moss management plan - there is a software problem and the final plan cannot be assessed. Gary assured us that our suggested changes had been incorporated

11. Estimate of hours spent volunteering - Jeff will send us an email and we will all record approx time spent

14. PCWG update (dipwell data etc) - this was measured and recorded week beginning 11th Feb

15. AOB - Louise described an event which Matilda was organising on Wednesday 27th - the RV will be at 9.50am in the church car park and involve a 2 hour walk before lunch at Vane Farm.

16. Date of next meeting 19.3.19