



## MINUTES Draft

April 16, 2024 19:30 Well Country Inn

- 1. Present:** Jeff, Sheena, Iain, Tanji, Susan, Charlotte, Stuart, Mike, Lesley
- 2. Apologies:** Louise, Dave B, Izzy, Marje, Graham, Stu, Nic & Callum, Dave & Linda, Dave, Elaine
- 3. Previous meeting Minutes.** Approval Proposed Susan, Seconded Jeff

### Treasurer's report:

- No ins or Outgoings this past month. ( and still large balance)
- I am Still awaiting reimbursement for WT expense claim, but delay due to me not them ( they were needing my bank details and tech hiccup sending them...now hopefully sorted).
- I'll bring checkbook along tonight in case anyone needing expenses paid...

### 4. WT update Comments from Izzy via email:

- Volunteer communications: to be GDPR compliant it's best that we use Assemble with WT registered volunteers to let them know about upcoming work days (some of them on our Volunteer List). I am happy to go through this with you next time, or if there will be one person who volunteers to do this at the meeting I can have a call with them to go through the process?. It will have to be one of the event leaders doing this, after speaking to Matilda we could make you an event leader (if you want) but as I think this would mean you'd need first aid training we'd probably need to look at a current leader stepping back as there's obviously a cost implication for WT. **TANJI** to clarify with Issy -non WT volunteers won't have access to Assemble?
- Forestry survey: I've given go-ahead for this to happen and the consultants should be on site in the next month.

NatureScot: I spoke to Colin Castle who is happy to facilitate a site meeting with PCWG and WT to discuss their suggested interventions when we get to that stage. They won't get forestry data back until June, so it could be late summer / early autumn for a NS visit. NS suggested that they're quite tight for money 24/25 FY so any on the ground work would probably not be until 25/26 FY at the earliest.

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### 5. PCWG update:

- i) review Action list;

- ii) any additional comments on Moss draft Management plan; **TANJI** will update with comments discussed at meeting
- iii) Paths group letter (Marje);
- iv) biodiversity event Sun April 28<sup>th</sup> 1pm set-up for 2 till 4pm;
- v) Dr Emma Hinchcliffe and Clifton Bain from the International Union for the Conservation of Nature visiting us on Thurs 2nd May 10:30am start — take for lunch at Lochend after? (e.g. Bankhead moss visit); Suggest their cost comes out of Expenses and we pay our own lunch)
- vi) Jill Aitken, another WTS manager, would like to borrow our tree poppers for work on one of her sites; (bog squad popper has to be returned)
- vii) Dave contacted the primary school about the drill battery but no-one from there has got it.
- viii) Lothian Volunteers Birch day cancelled due to awful weather – remove from activity record
- ix) Easter Day – feedback. Dog poo incident – need to check before any other Chris place event. Weather OK, plenty of helpers, nice number of attendees. Very low key PR, low maintenance so easy event.

**6.** Automatic water level loggers and new dip wells-Sheena; NatureScot would like more dipwells from the western edge. Sheena will clarify, need to be made the same as the other ones. We would like to speak to NatureScot about adding additional wells on the main dome, and need maintenance on existing ones. Sheena would like some guidance on positioning of wells.

**7. New Volunteer List & communications:** Secretary holds the current list and will be responsible for now. Set up group list & bcc members.

### **8.AOB**

Many thanks to Ronny for supporting us in hosting our PCWG in the pub and has now sold the pub and is moving on. We wish him all the best.

Jeff gave us dip well data update. Should we have our own rainfall monitor?

Dave C has done first grasscut.

Agenda item for next meeting can WT do some Chris place mow when mowing rest?

Path over top of dome flooded, risk to orchids being trampled and remind WT not to mow them.

**Date of next meeting: May 21, 2024**