

Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group

Meeting: 18th May 2006, The Well Country Inn

Present: J.Shepherd, , M.Brown , S.Garvie, M.McGinnes, L.Botton, KMcDonnell

Apologies: R.McDonnell, M.Hogg, H.Rolton L.Batchelor, D.Batchelor,
M.Hogg,B.Drysdale

Minutes of previous meeting amended to include comments made by B.Drysdale in relation to activities of Paths Group.

Woodland Trust Update R.Barlow unable to attend

Leaflet Dispenser: ongoing

Viewpoint Indicator: Discussed in detail, what will actual board dimensions be?, this will assist in identifying point size for text. Regards text detailed information has been provided by Dr Munro. M.McG to consider and select out 'general indicators' and subsequently focus on heightening awareness of local sites of interest. Once have text can ask Osprey to provide a mock up for our consideration.

Weather data: S.Garvie has purchased state of the art rain guage, £30 to be reimbursed by PCW.

Treasurer's Report: £813.21 in account, awaiting reimbursement of £100 from CWA in relation to tree planting at school and £970.81 from CWA in relation to Biodiversity Training Day. Once expenses paid to those involved in training day anticipate the group will benefit by £309.

Paths Group: No movement, next meeting in june, funding is supposedly in place for phase 2, BD will advise following June meeting.

Curling Pavilion: no update

Biodiversity Training Day: awaiting reimbursement £970.81

Website: Discussed in detail, JG will be collating details over next few weeks, working towards a launch during the summer.

Approached R.Barlow regards pdf of the Moss leaflet, awaiting feedback, may be difficulty as some images of people on the leaflet itself.

Burns Supper: no update..

Eco schools: Event had been successful (CWA funded) £100 to be reclaimed by KMcD.

10th Anniversary: McGonigal night at the Well Country Inn, JS to speak with. How many seats, reverse meal; coffee mints, trifle, pies, soup. Alternative venues; Loch Leven Larder, Lochend Farm?

Timber (Community Use) Removal from Site: R.Barlow confirmed arrangements made are suitable. Necessary insurance in place, require to arrange date for movement. JS to take forward.

Kilmagadwood: No update regards fencing to improve access. Deer fence one component of management plan revision will require public consultation and detailed explanation of benefits in terms of site development.

Signage for Woodland: no update.

Path deterioration: SG/MMcG have reviewed, need 4-10 tons, as 6 metres require to be cleared and drained. Could be done by volunteers, led by group members. SG to approach Purvis Plant Hire. Discussed that it would be beneficial to establish a 'monthly list of activities' to bring more people out as volunteers, particularly those who are not keen on attending meetings.

Also mentioned the increasingly urgent requirement to remove the rhododendron in the Moss.

Kilmagadwood: Tetley Trail on WT land, approach PCC via JS to use remaining funds to repair path. Although ultimately the decision lies with R.Barlow regards type of repair required to ensure improvement sustained over time.

Kinross Show: Grow your own Christmas tree agreed as a suitable fundraiser. MMcG suggested that the 'pub games' to be used during Portmoak Festival could also be used at Kinross Show.

Red Squirrel sightings Further sightings, 2 seen. L.McGinness has volunteered to train as a squirrel monitor.

Portmoak Festival Niall Lobley to arrange walk etc PCW group to establish information point with perhaps a slide show at Lochend Farm

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Birch Regeneration: Scrub within the 2nd cklear fell area is very heavy and needs to be addressed.

Brash piles in the Moss: no update.

Johnathan Hughes: Ex Woodland Officer WT is moving back to Scotland to work for Scottish Wildlife Trust, KMcd to contact and invite to visit site, as he originally led the bog restoration project.

Next meeting 15th June Well Country Inn 1930hrs