

## **Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group**

**Meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> June 2006, The Well Country Inn

**Present:** R.Barlow, J.Shepherd, , M.Brown , S.Garvie, K.McDonnell, J.Gunnell

**Apologies:** R.McDonnell, M.Hogg, L&D Batchelor

### **Woodland Trust Update**

**Portmoak Moss Leaflet:** pdf available, however 864k, icon will be on website in order may be downloaded by public.

**Birch Regeneration:** ongoing issue requires to be addressed as component of management plan.

**Dam Numbering:** existing numbers fading as consequence of exposure to elements, KMcD to get contact details for Scafftag, pass to RB.

**Kilmagadwood:** Need to set date for an open meeting in order proposals can be discussed with community. RB to progress with draft plan, to suggest that lower segment is deer fenced, which is likely to be controversial. The medium term view being to gradually build up the tree density on lower slopes. KMcD to book room at Well Country Inn for September meeting in order this can take place.

**Access Issues:** Visit to the Moss, include alternatives routes as components of core network. Routine monitoring of vegetation, bridges overhanging branches to be scheduled for August meeting.(17<sup>th</sup> )

**Leaflet Dispenser:** ongoing

**Interpretation:** Use Hrolton text from biodiversity presentation, moss diagrams and time line. KMcD to contact HR, all information to be with RB for inclusion in board. Target for August meeting.

**FGS:** Currently funds for Portmoak are intact however it will be 2009 before scheme is up and running.

**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 continuing to collect also recording dipwell results. In spite of hot weather results suggest that the Moss is holding water.

**Treasurer's Report:** no update

**Paths Group:** no update

**Curling Pavilion:** no update

**Biodiversity Training Day:** reimbursed £970.81 through CWA, all expenses settled by cheque.

**Website:** JG now requires data to populate site. Discussed domain name and agreed that JG should progress this without waiting until next meeting. KMcD to provide last 4 yrs of minutes electronically, also Ecology presentation from Biodiversity Training Day by 19<sup>th</sup> June. Timeline presentation also to be made available.

JG has undertaken 20hrs activity in relation to project equivalent to £500 funding. Discussed using images from calendar to produce postcards, perhaps take some local views also. JS to seek costing from Trojan(6 by 4 postcard, 6 images print run of 250?, plus associated costs for a blank greeting cards

**Eco schools:** CWA refunded £100, to approach in autumn for further funding to support planting of Scottish apple varieties in school grounds.

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** no update

**Timber (Community Use) Removal from Site:** no update Turf folk v.busy. David Campbell to look at moving to Kirkness, RB to get costing

**Kilmagadwood:** No update.

**Signage for Woodland:** no update.

**Path deterioration:** SG to take forward with PPH. Rhododendron require to monitor as spreads through suckers inspite of lack of flowers.

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

**Kilmagadwood:** JS advised that a written request to PCC is required, perhaps seek match funding discussed benching out.

**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. R.Erskine to be approached regarding transport of tepee poles.

**Portmoak Festival TV DVD** required for Lochleven Larder.

**AoCB**

**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 15<sup>th</sup> July Well Country Inn 1930hrs