

Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group

Meeting: 15th July 2006, The Well Country Inn

Present: M.Brown , S.Garvie, K.McDonnell, J.Gunnell, L&D Batchelor, A.Bradley, E.Carruthers

Apologies: R.McDonnell, M.Hogg R.Barlow, J.Shepherd, ,

Woodland Trust Update

R.Barlow: Has surveyed path network, need to discuss additions/upgrades to formal and informal paths, are there any paths which need added to the maintenance schedule, what is practicable in relation to all-abilities access to the raised bog? Birch Regen in 3 felled areas, there are some funds available agreed that these should be allocated to addressing concerns in relation to this threat to the project.

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

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 booked room at Well Country Inn for September meeting in order this can take place.

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, 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.

Treasurer's Report: no update

Paths Group: Discussion is ongoing regards Phase 2 of the local network. Discussed the potential threat to the round the loch route as a consequence of some 'last minute' comments from SNH. DB to forward copy of letter Paths Group have sent to stress

the importance and value of this route and that SNH should consider their current stance.

Website: www.portmoakew.org.uk Up and running, JG has made a broad range of other bodies aware and links between sites have been established.

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. Also considered purchasing an additional rail for the sawmill approx £300.

10th Anniversary: Agreed that this should be recognised at the 2007 Burns Supper

Timber (Community Use) Removal from Site: WT contractor unable to handle timber on basis of size, RB to review.

Kinross Show: 12th August, set up 11th. 'Harvest' trees from raised bog to sell at event, Sunday prior to event.

AoCB

MSc Resource Management: student questionnaire in relation to peat moss utilisation, question set suggests that the student/supervisor have no insight into the significance of this habitat, KMCD to send over BBC weblink to topic for consideration.

Next meeting 15th July Well Country Inn 1930hrs