

Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group

Meeting: 20th May 2004

Present KMcDonnell, J.Shepherd, B.Drysdale, G.McShane,
M.Brown,M.McGinness,S.Garvie, J.Gunnell

Apologies D.Batchelor,L.Batchelor, R.McDonnell, H.Rolton, M.Brown, J.Aitken

Minutes of previous meeting held on 19th April 2004 agreed

Woodland Trust Update:

WT: have appointed a new woodland officer, in place end of summer. Jill Aitken is overseeing final preparation and works during summer. A request has been made by the contractors to have 3 caravans on site, this was agreed as the most suitable location given that their equipment will be on site for the duration of works. They will be responsible for ensuring site clean and appropriate arrangements for toilets made. The group requested that they display signage to make public aware that caravans occupied by persons working within the Moss.

Nature of skylining dictates that the Moss and Tetley Trail will require to be closed at various points. Those present agreed that it was critical that a clear message is communicated to users of the Moss and local population.

Work in association with WT to produce;

Poster

Press Release

Flyer

Purpose to explain that 'things are going to be different', crown of peat bank to be cleared. Agreed to hold a meeting to discuss content of flyer, draft to be sent to Jill Aitken for WT comment. Hope to encourage WT to print on behalf of group.

Beer Tasting: This had been very successful, making a profit of £160. Thanks had been extended to Stuart Cail of Harviestoun Brewery.

Treasurer's Report £714.08

Viewpoint Indicator: no update

Bats: Bob Drysdale is coordinating relocation of bat boxes through Fife Bat Group.

MSc Study: No update

Tree Survey: The matter of recording significant trees within the parish was discussed. M.Brown has reviewed information available on WT website.. After some discussion this project was shelved until later in 2004.

Kilmagadwood: No update from Jane Gibson, Bob Drysdale as a member of the Paths Group highlighted that there is some difficulty in agreeing routes within the Parish.

Kinross Show: Necessary paperwork completed.

Millennium Award: no update

Community Woodland signage to be pursued through Paths group. No update.

Glebe Field:

Planning has been granted, unaware that access route is part of the conditions.

AoCB

Woodland Update: G.McShane suggested that we include a report on each woodland at our meetings, species of flora/fauna observed. Trees within Kilmagadwood flourishing, we do however require some additional protectors. Sycamore regeneration within lower enclosure. Greg also reported an incident with a member of the public and an airgun within Kilmagadwood.

Next meeting 17th June 2004, 1930hrs, Lomond Country Inn