

Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group

Meeting 19th June 2005

Present; B.Drysdale, K.McDonnell, J.Shepherd, M.McGinnes, S.Garvie, D.Carruthers, R.Barlow.

Apologies: R.McDonnell, E.Carruthers, M.Brown, D.Batchelor, L.Batchelor, J.Gunnell

Minutes of previous meeting, agreed as a true reflection.

Woodland Trust Update

Felling: This commenced 2 weeks earlier than anticipated, contractors available earlier, also R.Barlow on paternity leave in September. This allows work to be completed earlier also ensures contractors adequately supervised.

Additional Works have been time tabled;

New sleeper bridge at Wellburn.

Removal of old fence and gate at Wellburn

Netting on sleeper bridges towards Wellburn

Footbridge to replace current crossing at Lucky Falls.

Back steps to replace pontoon

Following the felling there will be some surplus budget, other potential small works were discussed; board walk, viewing platform (will be insufficient funds to support this) also interpretation to assist understanding of the significance of peatbog restoration.

Access within the Moss will be reassessed in 2006, MMcG suggested that WT/PCW work towards a viewing platform with interpretation and that the woodland walks within the Moss are more effectively promoted as an alternative to route across peat bank.

Foxes on Kilmagadwood

8 or 9 foxes killed by adjacent landowner, 5 of these were vixens. This is not the most appropriate control mechanism, concerns regarding cubs starving. There are more effective control mechanisms, which may be used.

Management Plans

These will be circulated prior to the July meeting. There will be a 6 week consultation period, KMcD requested copy also to be lodged at the Post Office. An email version may be posted onto PCC website, Rbarlow to provide.

Workday?

R.Barlow has approached SWT no feedback as yet.

Viewpoint Indicator:

JGunnell has provided a panorama as an indication of what is achievable, the opportunity exists to include geological and historical information. KMcD to

approach David Munro regards history and JG regards geology. It was also suggested that there would be value in adjusting picture to reflect felling in progress.

Bats:

B.Drysdale has spoken to Fife based bat person, boxes will be installed after felling.

Treasurers Report: balance £1793.67

Portmoak Festival:

PCW have organised a treasure hunt and tree planting during the festival period, which will be publicised through festival programme. KMcD to provide Risk Assessment, First Aid cover is required. S.Garvie unable to attend.

Kinross Show: 13th August, KMcD has completed application.

AoCB

Tetley Trail

Ownership discussed as there are some issues regards the path, TT was established before the WT purchased Kilmagadwood. If there is a requirement to undertake maintenance of the path is WT responsible, or should some funds come for the CC?

Leaflet : WT developing a leaflet relating to the bog restoration, one component of the SITA Grant.

Next meeting: Thursday 21st July 2005, Well Country Inn.

R.Barlow requires an electronic copy of PCW logo, B.Drysdale to provide.