

Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group

Meeting: 21st September 2006, The Well Country Inn

Present: H.Rolton, J.Shepherd, S.Garvie, K.McDonnell, J.Gunnell, D Batchelor, R.Barlow, L.Batchelor

Apologies: E.Carruthers, R.McDonnell, M.Brown, M.McGinnes

No matters arising

Woodland Trust Update

R.Barlow: Kilmagadwood summary draft plan available, copies to be made available at Post Office, posters to be in place early October. All as discussed at the previous meeting. Overall outcome will be an increase in tree density to mirror that present during 1800's. Fenced enclosures still being browsed by rabbits/deer, for the future need to consider with reference to 1c, that the enclosure is removed (area previously not afforested). There is a requirement to balance gorse clearing with tree planting. 4f deer fence 1.8 m , plant 4,500 trees oak, birch, ash, there are the remnants of a woodland ecosystem in place in-spite of the absence of trees.

Tetley Trail maintenance, is to be reviewed onsite by J.Shepherd, R.Barlow and D.Batchelor. R.Barlow to identify ownership of field on access to Kilmagadwood.

Public meeting to be scheduled to afford opportunity to increase awareness of developments associated with revised management plan.

BBC/WT Autumn Watch: Scheduled for 7th October, 1200-1500hrs. Teepee not to be used, WT publicising, group members to attend where available.

Leaflet Dispenser: ongoing

Interpretation: H.Rolton has provided illustrations as used in Biodiversity Awareness Training Day, KMcD to draft up ideas for October meeting.

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 in process of considering and selecting 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: Collection on-going, 24mm rainfall, SG considering how to present data.

Treasurer's Report: £1507.32 in account.

Website: www.portmoakcw.org.uk Up and running, JG has made a broad range of other bodies aware and links between sites have been established. Also purchased software and registered domain name .

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.

Timber (Community Use) Removal from Site: Ongoing, discussed chainsaw training for DB, to advise of which nptc certificates he is being advised to undertake. Mentioned that Plummer Bros could potentially use Moss as site for training purposes. Still endeavouring to locate CWA group, which can assist in machining of oak at entrance to Moss.

AoCB

Squirrel Monitor Lesley Bolton now the official squirrel monitor for Moss and Kilmagadwood, recording where they are, predominantly within areas of Scots Pine. Suggesting that we may need to consider under planting with additional Scots Pine to maintain proportions in the future.

Reforestation Scotland Event: LB and JS interested in attending, KMCD to clarify costs.

Gunman sighted in Moss: Noted adjacent to the top edge of the Moss, anticipate that involved in controlling hares on behalf of turf farm.

Additional Seating: Unsolicited benches again appearing within community woodland.

Donation of Type 1: Purvis Plant Hire have donated 12 ton, KMCD to generate thankyou.

Next Meeting: Thursday 19th October 1930hrs Well Country Inn