

## **Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group**

**Meeting:** 20th March 2008 The Well Country Inn

Present: K.McDonnell, J.Shepherd, S.Garvie, J.Gunnell,E & D.Carruthers, L&D Batchelor, M.Brown, C.McIntyre,M.McGinnes, L.Botten

Apols: H.Rolton, R.Barlow (WT), R.McDonnell,A.Bradley, M.Hogg

Feb mins agreed.

### **Woodland Trust Update**

**Additional Land Purchase:** Meeting held with landowner, to confirm arrangements in outline area 4.5 ha, agreed cost of £36.5k, both parties to pay own legal fees. Agreed to target completion for end of May 2008, but boundary clarification required. There is an element of the land albeit very small that is owned by the Church of Scotland, WT pursuing. WT has also requested notification from landowner should any further land become available.

WT would make an appeal to members, RB advised of expectation re: local fundraising. Following purchase there would be a Community Design day to consult in relation to paths, picnic areas, and the balance of deer fencing vs tubes to protect trees.

(Note RB had emailed KMcD on 28th March with proposal regards fund raising an additional meeting called on 10th April to discuss and agree what PCW Group can do to assist)

### **The Moss**

Highlighted that Horses using more frequently, suggested that remove ramp onto raised bog surface and add fencing to LHS on gate to limit access, damage will be caused to peat surface if continued use.

### **Duke of Edinburgh Awards**

Calum McIntyre is to undertake voluntary activity within the Moss on a weekly basis, rhododendron removal etc, S.Garvie has constructed a work schedule.This work will be supervised by PCW group members. WT should perhaps consider DoE as a source of suitable volunteers?

### **Visit to Flanders Moss**

KMcD to ask HR to pursue.

### **Interpretation**

No update

### **Viewpoint Indicator**

Ongoing

## **Treasurers Report**

£1322.95

### **Postcards/Greeting Cards**

Ongoing require to resolve to raise funds at Christamas fair

**Pagoda:** removed

**Refuge Area:** WT involved in drawing this matter to a close...

**Squirrel Pictures:** JS to resolve.

**Chainsaw Use:**DB undertaking First Aid Training on 14th April, £79+VAT , PCW to fund this. DB will then be able to undertake activities within the Moss, PCW to refund the cost of initial training..

**Workdays:** JG,SG,MMcG have set monthly workdays where others can get involved.

**Fundraising:** Suggested a Christmas Fair within the Moss, pot up holly, scots pine, craft activities etc.

**Next Meeting: Thursday 17th April The Well Country Inn**