

Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group

Meeting 16th October 2008, The Well Country Inn

Present J.Gunnell, J.Shepherd, L&D Batchelor, M.Brown, KMcDonnell, L.Botten, M.McGinness

Apols: E & D.Carruthers, R.Barlow, A.Bradley, M.Hogg

Minutes from previous meeting agreed.

Woodland Trust Update

Acquisition still on track for the end of October. There had been some discussion at the recent Community Council meeting about a potential delay to the process however concerns are believed to be unfounded.

Publicise forthcoming Sing a Longa Sound of Music via the Newsletter and also acquisition once complete. The Woodland Trust have committed £140 stage the Sound of Music event, KMcD to invoice on behalf of PCW. Entertainment license of £100 included in this amount.

Sing a Long

Each PCW member to be issued with 12 tickets.

DVD acquired, MMcG/DB to speak with Film Club regards circulating availability of tickets. Hall will be set up during the afternoon of the 20th. Raffle themed to the musical plus other donated items to be organised. Sweets to be purchased for the best child's fancy dress.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Callum has been on holiday this plus inclement weather has hampered his progress.

Interpretation

Final draft reviewed at the meeting, minor alterations suggested marked up on copy to be returned to David. Hope to have master copy to WT for the end of Nov/early December 2008.

Burns Supper

Lochend Farm Shop unable to support. JS has spoken with Heaven Scent in Milnathort, very keen to support, costing of £10.75 per head agreed. Broth, Haggis (also veggie) neeps and tatties, trifle plus coffee and mints. LB to draft a 'running order' for the evening which would confirm our requirements, JS to liaise with Heaven Scent.

DB advised that Dr Carr lined up to do address to the Haggis. Robert Crawford of University of St Andrews to deliver the Immortal Memory.

Community Woodlands Association 8th November

DB, LB, SG, JS, KMcD volunteered to assist with guided walk through Portmoak and Kilmagadwood, expect 15-20 delegates from CW conference which is being held in Glenrothes. Delegates interested in our working partnership with the WT and how we engage with our community amongst other topics.

AoCB

Curling Pond

Informal discussions had taken place with member(s) of the Bishopshire curling club regards safeguarding the future of the curling pond. It was suggested that the willow etc growing within the pond may not yet have completely damaged the clay bottom and that restoration may be a possibility. Suggested WT make direct contact with Curling Club through Mike Silvera.

Dark Skies Event 19th Nov

PCW approached by Dan Hillier of the Royal Observatory to run a star gazing/astronomy event linked to the community woodland. KMcD to liaise with school and Belatne Partnership to deliver

this. Volunteers would be required on the evening, and workshop places (1600-1800hrs Well Country Inn) were also available, contact KMcD to confirm interest.

Grey Squirrel spotted in Kilmagad wood

Next Meeting Thursday 20th November