

Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group

Meeting 20th November 2008, The Well Country Inn

Present J.Gunnell, J.Shepherd, L&D Batchelor, M.Brown, KMcDonnell, L.Botten, M.McGinness, E & D.Carruthers, R.Barlow

Apols: A.Bradley, M.Hogg

Minutes from previous meeting agreed.

Woodland Trust Update

Acquisition complete, banner is place has both WT and PCW logo, press coverage in local papers. WT hosting a donor event in the New Year, public consultation will also take place during jan-mar 2009. WT speaking to P&K Council regards path, the District Valuer has already been in touch with WT regards purchase of strip for path however it may be more appropriate to grant P&K Council a servitude.

WT/PCW require to refine ideas to present at public meeting, these should be flexible to facilitate community involvement, Portmoak Community Council should also be proactively involved. Couple of ideas introduced the keeping of pigs to assist with turning soil and the planting of productive trees, creating a community orchard.

The Woodland Trust have committed £140 stage the Sound of Music event, KMcD has invoiced.

Sing a Long

Sold in the order of 70 tickets, set up saturday pm. M.Hogg to judge fancy dress

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Callum has made progress inspite of poor weather and seasonal timings, should consider organising weekend work where possible to allow him to progress.

Interpretation

Final draft is with RB for review, boards should be produced by the end of January, have asked for 3 copies to be made (1 in reserve) size 1m by 1.5m, precise location tbc.

Burns Supper

Andrew Scott Heaven Scent in Milnathort, to do at a costing of £10.75 per head agreed. Broth, Haggis (also veggie)neeps and tatties , trifle plus coffee and mints. Has reviewed a 'running order' for the evening confirming our requirements, JS to liaise with Heaven Scent.

DB advised that Dr Carr lined up to do address to the Haggis. Prof Douglas Gifford University of Glasgow, Immortal Memory. Gerry to lead community singing, songs tbc. CTickets and posters available for December meeting, also in Newsletter .

Community Woodlands Association 8th November

DB, LB, SG, JS, KMcD guided delegates from CWA conference through Moss. new land plus Kilmagadwood expect 15-20 delegates however 6 turned up, keen interest in how we work in partnership with WT. Also interested in how we raise funds and engage the community.

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. WT advised taht legal costs would be prohibitive and that too small a portion of land involved.

Dark Skies Event 19th Nov

This had been a tremendous success, comet making, talk on planets and inflatable planetarium...full house at the school 75 attendees. Workshop held at The Well Country Inn 14 delegates, KMcD, JS and AB from PCW Group. Should consider a start gazing event from within the Moss next autumn.

View point Indicator

KMcD has located the original pictures and text, this should be able to move forward following the Burns Supper.

AOCB

Christmas trees could be harvested from top of peat bank.

Next Meeting Thursday 18th December