

Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group

Meeting 20th August 2009, The Well Country Inn

Present J.Shepherd, KMcDonnell, J.Gunnell, R.McDonnell S, Garvie

Apols: M.Brown

Woodland Trust Update

No update, apart from notification that P&K Council are to renew the steps on access route to Kilmagadwood, and that stiles have also been removed.

SG asked for an update regards the interpretation boards for top of peatbank, KMcD understood that these were still with WT in Grantham. RB to clarify position group can then install the mounts.

First Aid Training KMcD had asked about minimum duration of first aid training in order group can support chainsaw operation within the Moss, both RMcD and DB hold appropriate certification. 4hr duration, £290+VAT for up to 10 delegates. KMcD is to organise for the autumn.

Curling Pond Scotlandwell in Bloom has taken on this project with the agreement of Bishopshire Curling Club. A team of 20 from the Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland volunteered to help with clearance as a team building exercise, KMcD to approach Lothian Conservation Volunteers for further assistance. SiB has taken out insurance for this type of activity, and would welcome any assistance from PCW members. KMcD requested that PCW consider funding the hard hats and gloves provided to volunteers, the cost amounted to £53.03, those present agreed to fund.

Hydrological Survey of the Moss

This had been discussed at a previous meeting, if we can frame a proposal around our requirements KMcD has identified a possible route to have this project delivered on our behalf. Those present agreed that M.McGinness would be in a good position to assist with drafting proposal.

WT Tree o'clock

Attempt to break the Guinness World Record for tree planting between the hours of 11 and 12 noon on 5th December 2009. WT are aiming to plant 1 million trees, current record 653,143. KMcD is to register PCW support for this initiative.

Reforestation Scotland

RS have requested payment for this years membership fees, previous payment for 08-09. There are a range of benefits linked to our membership, the most significant of these being the 10th Annual Community Woodland Conference to be held in Drumnadrochit 7th to 8th November 2009. Our membership entitles us to 2 free places with travel and accommodation subsidies. Anyone interested in attending drop me an email and I can pass on details, bookings to be confirmed by 23rd of October

Next meeting 17th of September The Well Country Inn

