

Minutes from Portmoak Community Woodland 17th December Well Inn, Scotlandwell

1. Apologies: Karen McDonnell, Jim Shepherd, Stuart Garvie, Elaine Carruthers, Dave Batchelor, Roy Barlow (Woodland Trust).

2. Present: Louise Batchelor, Jeff Gunnell, Dave Carruthers (acting chair)

3. Woodland update Roy sent a detailed update of the Nov/Dec tree planting on the Field Abin the Kirk. On top of the trees planted by local primary schools, 992 trees were planted in an hour by 38 volunteers as part of the UK-wide TreeO'Clock event.

There are 990 trees left. Roy has asked if we can find local groups to help plant them. Jeff volunteered to organise a working party on 1st Jan (but heavy snow prevented any work)

Elaine is on top of tubs replacement, following damage by Woodland Trust vehicle.

Jeff to photograph decorated Xmas tree in the Moss.

4. Burns supper.

Karen has organised posters and tickets. Speakers are arranged. Still need to find youngster for Selkirk Grace. FiFi Cooper has agreed to be Poosie Nancy.

5. Viewpoint indicator. No news.

6. Interpretation Board for Moss. Woodland Trust graphics department 'too bogged down' but should be ready in January.

7. Orchard update.

Louise and Dave made presentation to 'dragons den' at Kinross Round Table, who kindly donated £500.

L+D estimate £1,000 will be needed to make a good start with a range of fruit trees and bushes in late autumn 2010. Roy has reserved a south facing area for the main apple/pear/plum trees - to the left of the main gully in the Field Abin the Kirk (as you look up from the road).

AOB: Karen has organised ist Aid course 9am – 1630 18th Jan, Stirling £40 + VAT

Louise B and Kryz H want to attend.

Karen asked for £47.25 to cover insurance for Dave B and Bob McD tree clearing at curling pond. Louise B raised concern that this wasn't strictly Community Woodland business.

Stuart Garvie has asked for donation towards upkeep of Michael Bruce Way. (£25 - £50, top end if poss). Those present recommended approval, subject to Treasurer agreeing. Not strictly Moss business – but the path from Grahamstone badly needs maintenance and is part of main route into/out of Portmoak Moss.

Elaine C has seen a red squirrel in the Moss.

Bog snorkelling – whither? Jeff to collate data.

Next meeting 21st January Well Inn, Scotlandwell.