

PORTMOAK COMMUNITY WOODLAND STEERING GROUP MINUTES 16 July 2013

Present: Louise & Dave Batchelor, Lesley Botten (mins), Gary Bolton, Stuart Garvie (chair), Jeff Gunnell
Michael McGinnes **Apologies:** Alison Bradley, Dave Carruthers, Elaine Carruthers, Karen Macdonnell, Jim Shepherd

WOODLAND TRUST UPDATE

1. PORTMOAK MOSS:

No word yet on when the hydrologists' report will be finished.

No contact from BT volunteers – ACTION Louise to contact them again.

LANTERN FESTIVAL date confirmed as Friday 25 October from 7pm

Jill (WT) will come to our next meeting.

2. KILMAGADWOOD

The rabbit fencing will be taken away soon.

TREASURER'S REPORT – nil.

PORTMOAK FESTIVAL DISPLAY

Thanks to Kris for watering Gary's trees. The local Cub group has used the picnic area in the community orchard.

BUTTERFLIES/MOTHS and general biodiversity

30 people came to the event on Sunday 14th July including 2 local families. Identified 60 species from the Moss but not the Large Heath butterfly.

ACTION – Louise to write and thank the preservation group.

ACTION - invite the parents who came to join the steering group.

ACTION – invite Duncan to do a similar event in 2014 as part of the Portmoak Festival.

ACTION – Jeff to talk to the In Bloomers to see if they'd like to get advice on planting for Lepidoptera.

ACTION – Stuart to find a contact for Fife Bird Group with a view to setting up a birdie event.

CHRISTMAS TREES

ACTION: Gary and Jeff to arrange a date in August to look at pruning.

DIPWELL MAINTENANCE

Stuart reported that some are blocked and need new tights. Decided we should increase the number of wells (from 15 to 30).

ACTION – Jeff to ask Andrew McBride for advice on redistributing the dipwells.

BLUE SKY THINKING

An idea for the 20 August meeting – a friends group ?

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

LLLP - Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership was successful in its HLF bid but no contact at all from them with regard to our element of it.

ACTION – Michael to find the email from Andrew McBride asking for an application to him for match funding.

ACTION – Lesley to contact Amanda McFarlane and copy Louise in.

ACTION – Lesley to look out examples of tendering (for consultants).

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 20th August 2013