

PORTMOAK COMMUNITY WOODLANDS STEERING GROUP MEETING 17.03.15

Present: Jeff Gunnell, Louise Batchelor, Michael McGinnes, Lesley Botten, Alison Bradley, Stuart Garvie, Marjorie and Graham Smith

Apologies: Dave Batchelor, Gary Bolton, Dave & Elaine Carruthers

Burns Supper: £100 in excess of last year. £888 surplus this year (£780 last year). Costs on bar service were reduced. Slightly reduced ticket money and bar sales - £451 (£507), more taken in raffle. No piano tuner. Helen charged £14 per head (£12) – check cost in advance next year. Graham said he was very impressed with continuity. It was noted that one of the raffle ticket selling breaks did not occur. 4 bottles of wine were served to the top table.

Moss: (1) Chance of National Peatland Policy being launched at Portmoak Moss. (2) Stuart to contact hydrologist a.s.a.p. re proceeding, Marjorie could contact teachers re children taking measurements. (3) Agreed we would do the Xmas tree pruning ourselves if necessary: items required and possible risks considered. (4) Louise has emailed Gary re big rowan tree which has come down and crushed fence. It may not be on our boundary and if so Louise will contact Gary again. (5) Meeting with Andrew McBride will be in May and will proceed as before. (6) Sign: Stuart will ascertain position.

Robin Payne's Report: Lesley Botten has had 10 hard copies of the Report printed. Three copies will be placed in Kinnesswood Shop/Garage, one in the Telephone Library, one in Kinross Library, one to be sent to Community Council, one or more copies to be sent to Scottish Government, a copy to be sent to LLLP and Louise will prepare item for next Newsletter. Alison has sent a copy of the Report to DEFRA. Audrey of LLLP has put link on their website and has asked how we want people to respond. It was agreed that copies of the Report should be sent to all parties who attended the York Meeting, also to be put on Facebook site and on website

LLL: Lesley is still awaiting decision of LLLP re rolling over £10K.

Treasurer's Report:

PAID OUT TO

Alison Bradley £47.55 (re travel to York for Peatlands meeting)

CASH IN HAND £21.92

BALANCE IN BANK £4,154.30 (as at 24th February 2015)

Civic Trust Award: It was agreed we should retain this meantime.

Appletree Man: Louise will advise him of proposed date.

CWA: Karen has renewed our membership.

Meeting ended 8.40 pm

Next Meeting: 21st April 2015