

MINUTES. PORTMOAK COMMUNITY WOODLANDS GROUP

October 18th 2017 7.30pm The Well Country Inn

1. Present Jeff, Stuart B, Stuart G, Dave B, Lesley, Marje, Graham, Elaine, Chloe, Dave C, John Whiteford
2. Apologies Sheena, Gary, Michael, Alison, Calum, Nick, Sheena, Charlotte, Louise
3. Minutes. Lesley present and absent.
4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
A - Road. Much mutual back slapping for doing this thing. A little work still needed in the next fortnight. Debate about approaching Scottish Water for longer term maintainance – it is after all their road. **John W** to send the SW contact to **Jeff**. **Dave** to write thank you email to Portmoak fest
B – **Graham** staggered over the birch regen. WT have birch control in the management plan. **Stuart G** had talked to NTS who made useful suggestions including borrowing tree poppers and other toys. Possibly also SNH volunteers fae Battleby. **Jeff** is in the middle of procuring a popper. Discussion of measured pulling so that we know what we're up against. Prepare a leaflet for the Christmas event. **Dave B. Louise**.
C – Calum's Tree. Date? Sheena has the deer protective pruning tips.
5. Woodland update. None.
6. PCWG report for WT (unsafe trees/bridges etc)
A – contractors appeared to have churned up some parts of the moss. We'd like them to reinstate it.
7. PCW update (dipwell data etc) Rainfall info is available from the Gliding Club. **Stuart** will arrange collection from the website. **Stuart** will talk to Mike Silvera about historical data
8. Treasurer's report
Balance in the bank on 25 August 2017 was £5,848.
Debits since then: £432
Credits since then: £318
Balance today : £5,734

Debits are Appleman £167, Scotlandwell in Bloom £25 (marquee hire) and Wellside Wash £240 (8 cuts of the orchard).
Credits are £200 donation from Portmoak Festival funds and £118 donations from the Apple Day.

Apple Day Account: net cost to PCWSG funds was £74.04.
Unless anyone needs to claim expenses?

9. Chris's project. Ongoing.

10. Events update: Apple day post mortem
/Burns Supper/ Catering bid agreed. Robert Crawford immortal mem.
Oor Portmoak invitation. **Dave** to do flyers for burns and Christmas tree thing. We will do a table for the event – **Jeff** is the heid puddock

11. Cloud storage/ mailing lists including status **Stu** will set up (unless Jeff finds a cheaper provider) a Google drive which we can all access. This is to solve the group email problem and to address the beer truck problem.

12. Damsels and dragons. Marje will incorporate her info into the teachers material she is preparing. Let's have another D and D event. When the next round of trees are removed and we put in some ponds, D and D experts can comment on appropriate pond depth and assist the WTS.

13. Aerial survey of Portmoak Moss. SNH. Thursday and Friday this week. Compare with last aerial survey.

14. AOB

A - **me stopping minutes.**

B – Data protection. 156 folk on our lists, 15 who have agreed to be on.

C – red squirrels. Dave C has seen hunners.