

## Minutes

### PORTMOAK COMMUNITY WOODLANDS GROUP

January 16<sup>th</sup> 2018, 7.30pm The Well Country Inn

Present: Lesley Botten, Alison Bradley, Nicola Carmichael, Dave Carruthers, Elaine Carruthers, Stuart Garvie, Jeff Gunnell, Michael McGinnes, John Whiteford.

Apologies: Dave & Louise Batchelor, Stu & Calum B, Sheena Jamieson, Gary Bolton, Charlotte McKinnon, Marje & Graham Smith.

1. BURNS SUPPER: at this point 91 tickets allocated, needed to sell another 15. **Jeff** to send out one last message on mailing list. Stu, Sheena and Ian on the bar. Nic & Calum in charge of seating people. Lesley, Michael and Elaine on door duty. Agreed prices as wine £12 (£2 a glass), beer £3 a pint, soft drinks 50p.

For next year: Jeff to create an email address for ticket sales.

2. PEATLAND FUNDING: SNH has more peatland funding. **Jeff** to contact Andrew inviting him to the Burns Supper as well as inviting him to a meeting with Jeff and Michael to discuss the next steps in developing a plan to secure funding including developing a full landscape plan for the moss.
3. WOODLAND TRUST. In the light of the response to our enquiries we decided that we should :
  - Carry on with planning Chris's project for the orchard
  - Pursue birch pulling on the moss with SEPA
  - Pursue birch pulling on the moss with the Bog Squad in April and also Lothian Conservation volunteers. (noted the need for risk assessments).
4. ALL ABILITIES PATH : John reported that with the farmer's permission he had put in 2 plank bridges on the farmer's land (ie not on WT land) to bridge the ditches. **Jeff** noted that there was funding available for extending community access to woodland and undertook to circulate details.
5. DIPWELLS : more training likely, **Stuart G** to let everyone know when and where.
6. TREASURERS REPORT : Available balance in bank: £5,551.68 **Lesley** to get forms from the bank to add signatories. Alison wishes to be removed as a signatory once we have some new ones added.
7. LETS TALK BOGS : **Michael** to give Marje contact at RSPB because they were interested in seeing the pack.
8. HIMALAYAN BALSAM : discuss this at next meeting.