

Minutes of Woodland Group 18th of February

Woodland Group attendees: Dave, Dave, Stuart, Jeff, Mike, Lesley, Louise, Marjorie, Graham, Elaine, John.

Apologies: Charlotte, Sheena and Gary

Burns Supper:

- Very popular event - lots of good feedback - most people will come again
- Raffle takings prevented us from making a loss on the event

Potential areas for improvement

- Ticket sales were slow this year. We need only to sell a further 10 tickets to break even without Raffle takings. We need to explore ways to improve ticket sales
- Place sign outside the hall?
- Put advert in newsletter?
- ? Increase price of a ticket?
- Is there an opportunity to raise prices of beer?
- Should we offer a limited number of family tickets?
- Have tickets ready for the Apple Day?
- Let's repeat one more time (30th of Jan) and see if we can get more tickets sold.....book band and hall now

WT update

- Survey of moths is planned - who is it? Will start in late Feb
- We should report on any damaged trees post the gales
- We should report on any water on paths in the Moss

PCWG report for WT

- Leaking plastic dam needs repaired/replaced - Gary to provide feedback post his assessment.
- No answers to question on Peatland Action funding despite three requests
- No response to question of date for poisoning - Louise will try and call Gary directly
.....Last poisoning was in 2017 despite assurances
- The current management plan does not incorporate our suggestions - do we have the latest version?
- Can we remove gorse from Kilmagad Wood - try to agree where this should be done
- We need to consider future proofing the path in Kilmagad Wood as it is not standing up to the weather
- Removal of plastic from trees? Will WT do it or should PCWG?

Treasurers report

- Balance of account = 6,591.42
- Small loss from the Burns event
- Proposal to move the AGM to allow review and finalisation of the accounts for the preceding year in a timely fashion (move from April to September) - agreed unanimously by group

Dip well data

- Still to get out. Hopefully by the end of Feb.

Portmoak Bog Booklet

- New PCWG logo choice made - We go for first page / choices ? Align wording
- Marje meeting with Mary on 26th to finalise this and the booklet post previous feedback - will be shared at the next meeting
- Vote of thanks for Marje

Events coming up

- Apple pruning - 1st of March at 12.00. - ? Remove non fruit trees that are interfering with the fruit trees- mark them and inform Gary of our plans
- Date for Christmas Tree pruning - March 21st 11.00
- Perth Council - June guided walk confirmed - 13th of June
- Look to repeat clearing from the area that Mike and Lesley have previously cleared - when and who? Make a plan with Danielle to repeat this area?
- Launch event for Primary Schools - Portmoak and Vicky's school in May or June. PCWG can cover the costs of a bus - 250-300 pounds

AOB

- Will collate red squirrel sightings as we go along at the meeting
- Record hours dedicated to the Burns event

- Access road to the Moss is in poor condition - Scottish Water are evaluating situation and may or may not repair this. John will check with Scottish Water on their plans

Meeting closed at 21-15