

Portmoak Community Woodland Group

Annual General Meeting

19 April 2016

Attendees

Stuart Byers	Nic Cassidy	Alison Bradley	Chris Vlasto
Stuart Garvie	Elaine Carruthers	Dave Carruthers	Jeff Gunnell

Apologies

Louise Batchelor	Dave Batchelor	Mike McGinnes	Sheena Jamieson
Charlotte Vlasto	Leslie Botten		

Date

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Location

Well Inn, Scotlandwell

1. Election of office bearers

Current Chair: Jeff Gunnell
Current Secretary: Louise Batchelor
Current Treasurer: Lesley Botten

All prepared to serve again. Nominations, proposers and seconds for each position as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
<u>Chair</u>	Jeff Gunnell No other nominations Jeff Gunnell elected	Elaine Carruthers	Mike McGinnes
<u>Secretary</u>	Louise Batchelor No other nominations Louise Batchelor elected	Stuart Garvie	Alison Bradley
<u>Treasurer</u>	Lesley Botten No other nominations Lesley Botten elected	Dave Carruthers	Nic Cassidy

2. Accounts

Submitted by the treasurer, Lesley Botten, and attached.

Opening balance £6322.68

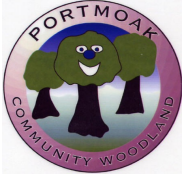
Closing balance £4846.88

However, income in the previous financial year included £2250 in matched funding from SNH and this was paid out in this financial year to LLLP. Excluding this special item from the accounts, the net surplus for the year was £774.20.

Major items contributing to net income were: Burns Supper: £560; Christmas trees £650; donations: £155.

Major items contributing to net expenditure were: Community orchard: £330; ongoing expenses (CWA, website) £65; monitoring materials £100; attendance at meetings £20.

Overall we are pleased with the state of our finances. We have enough in the bank that we can continue to make our events free of charge, (donations accepted). We can organise the Burns Supper without stressing that we could end up in debt. We can respond rapidly if an important opportunity crops up, like buying more land, matching funding for a project.



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3. Review of the year

- A lot of attention and activity associated with the management options report produced by Robin Payne in Feb 2015. This has included discussions and eMails with interested parties and fund raising for the lagg fen project. We also visited Flanders Moss to see what a lagg fen looks like in the flesh.
- Towards the end of the year the possibility of becoming part of the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve has come up. Meetings and discussions with SNH on this topic.
- The Woodland Trust are developing their next 5 year management plan for the Moss and Kilmagad Wood. Ongoing work to review and discuss the content.
- Monitoring of the water table has been supplemented by two automatic water level loggers provided by SNH, data downloaded by PCW members.
- Events have included orchard maintenance, Discovery Day (Loch Leven NNR), apple tree identification day, festival of Christmas trees, the pick your own Christmas tree day and the Burns Supper.
- Groups continue to monitor and count insects (moths, butterflies, damsel flies, dragon flies, bees) and birds.

Overall a good mix of management activities and community events.

4. Changes to the constitution

- It was proposed that the name of the group be changed from "Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group" to "Portmoak Community Woodland Group". Agreed.
- It was proposed that to be entitled to vote for office bearers, it would be necessary to have attended a minimum of three meetings in the previous year. This is to ensure that people have enough background knowledge about the group and also to protect against a take-over bid from some outside group. Agreed.
- It was proposed that the wording be changed to clarify the roles of the Management Committee as opposed to the Group as a whole. Agreed.
- Constitution to be revised and put up for approval.