

Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group

Meeting: 17th June 2004

Present KMcDonnell, J.Shepherd, B.Drysdale, G.McShane,
M.Brown,M.McGinness,S.Garvie, J.Gunnell

Apologies D.Batchelor,L.Batchelor, R.McDonnell, H.Rolton, Ecarruthers,
J.Aitken

May minutes: require to be revised, the planning application for the Glebe field adjacent to Portmoak Hall is still with P&K Council, no decision on development as yet.

Woodland Trust Update:

Significant discussion took place regarding the draft leaflet provided by Jill Aitken Woodland Officer, comments made by the group to be incorporated and draft returned to Jill for printing.

Format of leaflet, suggest A3 gatefold.

Have removed reference to recreational access in association with the restoration of the peat crown.

Regarding restricted access, those present agreed it should be the responsibility of the Contractors to post signage at the 2 entrances to the Moss. A clear Yes or No policy should be applied.

Alternative Route, this has been discussed by Jill with members of the group, runs behind pumping station into the Moss onto Drysdale march returning to the Moss adjacent to the covered seat. KMcD to contact NE water and advise.

Suitability, the group require assurances from the WT that this alternative route including bridging is suitable, and that existing insurance cover will apply. If such assurances are not possible the group consider that the Moss should be closed for duration of works.

Jill will be on site on evening of 24th June 1930hrs to meet with group and any other interested parties, meet at the car park.

Treasurer's Report £714.08

Viewpoint Indicator: no update

Bats: Bob Drysdale is coordinating relocation of bat boxes through Fife Bat Group. This will be undertaken before the end of June.

MSc Study: No update.

Kilmagadwood: Jane Gibson is to undertake a site meeting with interested horse owners and come back to us with a 'preferred' route.

Kinross Show: Necessary paperwork completed.

Community Woodland signage. B.Drysdale has been liaising with P&K Roads Department with regard to a number of local issues.

Extension of 30mph sign past entrance to the Moss, high cost (£2000) for little benefit.

Paths Group aiming to extend pavement from Scotlandwell to entrance to the Moss.

Signage issue has been passed to Countryside Section within P&K Council

AoCB

Woodland Update: J.Shepherd reported that the willows planted earlier this year were in the main doing well. Require more tree protectors for Kilmagadwood, does WT have any they could provide?

Curling Club: B.Drysdale reported that W.Turnbull is considering seeking funding to undertake restoration.

Plantlife: KMcD to inform them of developments within the Moss.

Tree in the Park: We have been invited to participate need to resolve issue around transportation of tepee and activities to be undertaken. Discuss at July meeting

Next meeting 15th July 2004, 1930hrs, Well Country Inn