

Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group

Meeting: 16th March 2006, The Well Country Inn

Present: J.Shepherd, E.Carruthers, S.Garvie, M.McGinnes, L.Batchelor, D.Batchelor, M.Hogg, R.Barlow, A.Bradley L.&D Batchelor

Apologies: R.McDonnell, M.Brown, J.Gunnell, E.Carruthers

Minutes of previous meeting agreed as a true reflection

Woodland Trust Update

Leaflet Dispenser: M.Hogg is to make a leaflet dispenser for entrance to the Moss. Discussed ideas, perhaps could use oak from Moss entrance, R.Barlow has Perspex sheeting if required.

Viewpoint Indicator: D.Munro will meet PCW group at conclusion of biodiversity training day to discuss. J.Gunnell is to provide geological data. KMCD to speak to WT/Ospery regards payment and timescale.

Weather data: R.Barlow has retrieved data from the Met Office. SEPA used to have a rainfall gauge at the gliding club, have also sought permission from Leven Trust to share data gathered at the Sluices.

Treasurer's Report: £1819.91 in account, £20 donation from Mrs M.Whyte, KMCD to send note of thanks.

Paths Group: no update, no paths group 7th Feb cancelled, may meet on a more 'informal' basis from now on. P&K Council considering CPO for link between Woodmarch and Kilmagad.

Curling Pavilion: no update

Biodiversity Training Day: Scheduled for 18th March, 15 names so far. Speaker presentations available, necessary domestic arrangements made.

Website: KMCD to approach PCC to explore opportunities and possible free hosting. WT website may be too prescriptive, but can establish reciprocal links

Burns Supper: D.Batchelor raised the possibility of commissioning music for next years event, perhaps seeking funding through awards for all. Scotlandwell in Bloom has had some success in raising funds via this route, DB to take forward.

Tree Tubes and Stakes: KMCD to retrieve from Kilmagadwood.

10th Anniversary: Take forward following Biodiversity Training Day.

Timber (Community Use) Removal from Site: R.Barlow confirmed arrangements made are suitable. Necessary insurance in place, require to arrange date for movement.

Kilmagadwood: R.Barlow has written to James Drysdale but no feedback as yet. Discussion took place regards ownership of this field.

R.Barlow raised the possibility of deer fencing the site, controversial and requires further discussion.

Signage for Woodland: M.Hogg can produce but would require guidance on style/group expectations. The oak at the entrance to the Moss could be used, timber cut last year so drying out not a major issue.

Path deterioration: WT will review during 2006, can look at in detail on 18th Ali Hibbert (Paths for All) attending.

Pheasant Feeders: Tom Laurie contacted, these have been removed.

Dipwell Monitoring: Ongoing, level increased 12 cm since January, JS expressed interest in training.

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Kinross Show: KMcD to complete paperwork, teepee or hire stand? R.Erskine could be approached to transport tepee.

Red Squirrel sightings Raise with C'Lloyd at Biodiversity Awareness Day.

Portmoak Festival PCW input sought, either activity and/or information point in marquee.

Purchase of Thicknesser: KMcD proposed that PCW purchase this with a view to easing the production of items from timber harvested from the Moss. M.Hogg would assume responsibility for this and make donations to PCW to balance purchase price. A.Bradley produced following addendum to the minutes, to be raised at April meeting.

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 20th April 2006, Well Country Inn at 1930hrs