

PORTMOAK COMMUNITY WOODLAND STEERING GROUP MINUTES 19 Mar 2013

Present: Louise Batchelor (chairing), Dave Batchelor, Lesley Botten (mins), Dave Carruthers, Michael McGinnes, Jim Shepherd **Apologies:** Gary Bolton WT, Jeff Gunnell, Karen MacDonnell, Elaine Carruthers, Stuart Garvie, Alison Bradley

LENZIE MOSS EVENT

Dave & Louise will take their car.

Gary will take Alison, Jeff and Shep if he is able to attend.

Agreed that members should claim mileage for using cars on PCWSG business at 45p per mile.

BURNS SUPPER

All expenses now paid. 5 complimentary tickets were issued.

ACTION: Louise will complete the draft account detailing expenditure and income.

ACTION: Jeff will put into a spreadsheet.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Awaiting confirmation from the bank that extra signatories have been added.

February bank statement shows balance of £2, 906.

WOODLAND TRUST UPDATE

Birch clearing started on the Moss. Louise has prepared a piece for the Kinross Community Newsletter (April). Dave & Stuart trained by Andrew McBride to dig lateral ditches. Gary & Louise are in touch with BT volunteers who want to work on the Moss in April.

PRUNING COURSE

Took place on 10th March (7 participants) in the snow. Unfortunately 6 others who had booked places called off but those who took part learned all about pruning tools and had hands on training in 3 gardens and in the community orchard.

ACTION: Louise to arrange to finish pruning the apple trees in the orchard soon.

ACTION: Dave C will supply wood for spacers.

ACTION: Louise to source plastic mulch mats (100).

ACTION: Dave B to send photos from the day to Mike to put up on Facebook page.

LIVING LOMONDS LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP (LLLP)

Decision expected in June.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

PORTMOAK FESTIVAL committee has asked if the usual opening event in the Hall and be followed by a picnic in the community orchard. Louise is investigating with Dallas Seawright, Countryside Ranger, scythe training to clear the area needed of thistles and weeds. At the meeting we also agreed a possible alternative:

ACTION: Dave C to quote for clearing central gully area for the picnic.

GOSHAWK SIGHTED ON MOSS by Professor Des Thomson, SNH in December.

OUR WEBSITE – Jeff has updated.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 16th April 2013