

PORTMOAK COMMUNITY WOODLAND STEERING GROUP MINUTES 18 June 2013

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

NOTE: correction to the minutes of 21.5.2013: Shep gave his apologies and wasn't able to pull off the well nigh impossible trick of being both present and absent at the same time.

WOODLAND TRUST UPDATE

1. PORTMOAK MOSS:

Felled unsafe trees have been logged and await collection. WT happy to discuss selling the logs to Dave Batchelor and/or Jeff Gunnell.

Event proposal from Gary/WT's people engagement team: a Magical Woodland Walk with lantern making workshops, family entertainment. We liked the idea and decided that Friday 27 September would be a good date (not too close to Halloween). Aim is to get about 100 participants, involve the local school and get lots of community engagement. As parking is a problem suggestion was made that we approach Mike Silvera and Helen about offering parking at Lochend Farm and running a minibuss shuttle from there. WT is happy for PCWSG to fund raise but the event must be free. Other ideas included music, temporary led lights, hiring a character actor, involving the Milnathort Guides (Shep's granddaughter), asking Norma Smith to get the school involved, asking David Yeaman (DY Travel) about a 16 seater minibuss, hot chocolate, make a wish, puppet show. WT have a budget.

ACTION: Gary to confirm date.

ACTION: Louise to see about getting something into the Kinross Community Newsletter.

2. KILMAGADWOOD – nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT – cheque for stationery cleared.

PORTMOAK FESTIVAL

Louise asked for help in putting together the display for the Church but deadline was 10am the coming Thursday. Gary provided some large photographs and some small trees for the display. The Festival Committee had asked us to cut an area in the community orchard for a picnic but were advertising it in the marquee instead. We agreed that this was odd but felt that the area cut was a good idea anyway as other picnickers might use it.

ACTION: Dave Carruthers to send invoice to the Treasurer for payment.

BUTTERFLIES/MOTHS

Duncan proposed an event on Portmoak Moss on 13/14th July. He would organise a trapping night with a follow up on Sunday morning.

ACTION: Jeff to see if Portmoak Hall is available.

ACTION: Louise to put together some publicity and email the mailing list.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Gary suggested that if we want to have reasonable trees to sell we need to do some work now on respacing the trees to allow them to grow more evenly.

ACTION: Gary and Jeff to arrange a date for Gary to show us what needs doing.

BLUE SKY THINKING

An idea for the 20 August meeting – a friends group ?

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ACTION: Jeff to update our contact telephone numbers on our website.

ACTION: all send photos to Michael for our facebook page (must be jpgs).

LLLP - Result of the Lottery bid due in June 2013.

BT Volunteers – still waiting to hear from them. They would be a good work party to dig the “drowners”.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 16th July 2013