

PORTMOAK COMMUNITY WOODLAND STEERING GROUP
15th April 2014

Present: D.Batchelor, L.Batchelor, J.Shepherd, M.McGinnes, L.Botten, K.McDonnell.

Apologies: A.Bradley, G.Bolton, S.Garvie

Woodland Trust Update

G.Bolton unable to attend, fuel spill on Forth Road Bridge hence no update. SNH will fund the mulching in Portmoak Moss which is excellent news.LB to plan a comms strategy, including getting information into newsletter. We will need a significant number of volunteers to assist with sphagnum harvesting, and the mulching will have a striking visual impact so we need to have the community on-board.

Paths Group no update.

LLLP

MMcG has had no update in relation to information supplied in relation to funding bid. LB had been in touch with A.McBride, SNH can no longer provide match funding, figures within the bid.

Key stages of proposal

Site survey	1 day
Consultation with community	1 day
Report writing	4 days
Feedback to WT/PCWG	1 day
Revision to draft report and communication of results	2 days

Consultant costs £500 per day max, £4500 max for project delivery.

We will need to present convincing arguments and a realistic costing to move this forward. MMcG to contact LLLP regards moving forward.

LB/JG to provide a specification to A.McBride (and ask for a list of 4 consultants who could be approached to deliver) offer to meet and review/refine approach prior to moving forward

Forestry Commission Community Woodland Group Research

No update

Treasurers Report : £3311 in account

AoB

Donation to Film Club: JG suggested that PCWG make a contribution of £25 to film club for use of av equipment , agreed.

Portmoak Moss entrance sign: MH has agreed to undertake remedial works on existing portable sign and create a new one for the Moss entrance. Costs to be met by PCWSG, signs should be ready late April.

Table: JG agreed to store the table (currently in the hall) that had been damaged at the Burns Supper. The damaged table has been replaced.

Timetable of events

- Bird walk late April 26th, 4 people booked already, posters up at entrance to Moss.
- Butterfly/Moth event during Portmoak Festival, 27th June, full details tbc.

Orchard: DCarruthers to be approached to cut the gathering area within the orchard.

Squirrels: ECarruthers saw 2 red squirrels in the Moss early April.

Wood Miser: Andrew Baird at Kirkness Farm has been in touch and can machine timber as required.

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Election of Office Bearers

KMcDonnell re-elected to Chair.

LBotten re-elected to Treasurer

ABradley re-elected as Secretary.

Next meeting 20th May 2014