

Present: J. Gunnell (Chair), D. Batchelor, L. Batchelor, G. Bolton, L. Botten, M. McGinnes, S. Garvie, E. Carruthers, D. Carruthers, A. Bradley

Apologies: K McDonnell

1. **Woodland Trust Update:** (a) Works at Kilmagad Wood – tree shelters removed by PCWG members and cleared from site. Rabbit fencing removed. Repairs carried out to gates, deer fencing etc. Two “Kilmagad Wood” signs erected. (b) Portmoak – Wonky bridge to be replaced. Mulching proceeding - Gary is working on health and safety; RGL from Moffatt will start work on 1st August and required to finish by 30th August latest, but expect to be finished in 20 days; necessary to arrange translocation and storage of sphagnum moss for replacement when mulching completed - this operation will take place on Sunday, 27th July, starting at 11.30 am. SNH is holding a damsel- and dragonfly event on the 26th. Question of how much sphagnum will be required and how it will be stored. **Action: Louise to contact Andrew McBride for guidance.** It would be hoped an SNH expert could be present to supervise work. Dave Carruthers can source buckets for storage of the moss: What methods should be used and when will spreading of sphagnum on restored area be undertaken (wet weather preferable). Discussion of notifications required with regard to works, eg articles in Kinross Newsletter, Courier and Perthshire Advertiser. **Action: Gary to supply Louise with information to prepare this.** Leaflets to be put in box, contact interested parties via emailing list and also Community Council. Too late to put article in “Stramash”, but leaflet could be inserted. **Action: Jeff to put information on website and also on Facebook. Woodland Trust and contractor to put up warning notices to public at entrance and elsewhere as appropriate. Alternative routes to be signed as area inside circular path will be closed during works.** An environmental survey has been done. Reassurance about wildlife will be required. Sensitive areas will be avoided. Bird and butterfly experts will have been consulted by the time the works are commenced.
2. **Paths Group:** Nothing to report.
3. **Playgroup:** Discussion of event arranged by Playgroup without consultation with us.
4. **LLLPP:** Quite happy, money not a problem. Supply quote by September. **Action: Mike to apply to SNH for matching funds – application by June 11.** £10k is theoretically available, but probably £5,500 will be sufficient, whereof SNH will be asked for £2,750. A contribution of £200 approx. may be required from us. Invitations to tender can be sent out once document finalised. At a later point it will be necessary to revisit the Management Plan. Gary is most concerned with long term resilience of site.
5. **Treasurer:** £3,311 in account. £10 received from Dave Carruthers for lager bought after Burns Supper. Jeff requires £8.38 for website renewal fee. £25 paid to Film Society. Bill awaited from Matt Hogg for erecting Portmoak Moss entrance sign.
6. **Table:** Jeff confirmed his willingness to store this once it is located.
7. **Events:** Bird walk very successful. Louise has prepared a piece for the Newsletter. Someone is putting bird sightings on website. All is taken care of for the Butterfly/Moth event, it is being advertised in the Newsletter and there will also be a second Damselfly and Dragonfly event at lunchtime on the Wednesday of the Portmoak Festival. Louise is awaiting details of a stand in the church for PCWG jointly with WT etc. in the “Action-packed Portmoak” section. Elaine said Jane Martin is preparing a floral arrangement to be included. Louise would like a written request detailing requirements.
8. **Orchard:** Dave Carruthers agreed to do the same as last year. Gary indicated more small tree shelters are required to assist growth of smaller trees,
9. **Squirrels:** Elaine said she had seen a pair on only one occasion, while Dave Carruthers had seen a single one run across the road.
10. **Coring/Pollen Count:** An enquiry has been received with regard to a pollen count on the dome. Gary would also like to see coring carried out. SNH will require samples for mulching deal. **Action: Mike will email Gary tomorrow.**
11. **Hydrology:** Jeff asked if this was continuing. Stuart confirmed it was up to date. A further sampling will take place before the mulching begins and the equipment will then be removed.

Meeting closed 8.59 pm