

PORTMOAK COMMUNITY WOODLANDS STEERING GROUP MEETING 17.02.15

Present: Karen McDonnell (chairing), Jeff Gunnell, Michael McGinnes, Lesley Botten, Alison Bradley, Dave & Elaine Carruthers

Apologies: Louise and Dave Batchelor, Gary Bolton

1. **Burns Supper:** No complaints but a sweet, rather than shortbread, would be appreciated. Drinks sales down but raffle proceeds up. It was noted Scots pine needs to be planted.
2. **Woodland Trust:** No update from Gary. It was agreed that if any problem were to arise from the presence of horses in the Moss this could be discussed then. **Jeff is to email Gary re Christmas tree planting**, It is understood it will be at 11.30 on 29th March.
3. **Peatland Policy** It was agreed that a meeting with Andrew McBride should precede the meeting with Woodland Trust and Robin Payne - sometime in March. A date is then to be fixed for meeting with Woodland Trust representatives, Carol and Gary, and SNH and Robin Payne. **Jeff will contact Andrew.** Report will be sent to WT, SNH and LLLP. **Ten hard copies to be printed – Lesley to organise.** A copy will also go to Community Council and another be put on the website. It will be announced in Kinross Newsletter and also on website. **Jeff to write to Robin to congratulate him on the report.** Lesley and Mike congratulated on sorting out LLLP bid. **Lesley will see if £10k can be rolled over to next year.** SNH will be asked to take on project. Lively discussion on how to develop the plan followed. It was agreed there should be three meetings, the first among ourselves on 3rd March at 7.30pm at Jeff's, the next with Andrew McBride and the last with WT. Alison reported on the DEFRA meeting in York and it was agreed she should send the co-ordinator a copy of Robin's Report after the 3rd March meeting.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Transactions from 13 December 2014

PAID OUT TO

Perth & Kinross Council	10.00	Burns Supper	alcohol licence
Louise Batchelor	42.00	Burns Supper	tickets printed at Trojan
Dave Batchelor	60.00	Burns Supper	fliers printed at Trojan
Stuart Garvie	39.32	Xmas Trees	refreshments

PAID IN

15 December 2014	423.20	Xmas Trees	
15 December 2014	10.00	Burns Supper 2014	
6 January 2015	45.00	Xmas Trees	
13 January 2015	15.00	Xmas Trees	
13 January 2015	506.00	Burns Supper Tickets	
Balance in bank	3,654.20		
Petty cash in hand	21.92		
<i>NOTE; total</i>	<i>483.20</i>	<i>Xmas Trees donations</i>	

5. **Environmental Award:** It was agreed that this should be handed over to the Woodland Trust to hold. It is currently being held by Lesley and Mike.
6. **Appletree Man:** The proposed date for him to come would be either Saturday 12th or Sunday 13th September. A picnic should be arranged.
7. **Moss Sign:** The old sign, which was too heavy to lift, has been neatly beheaded and the top removed. Speculation as to who has done this.

Next Meeting: 17th March

Meeting closed 8.57pm

