

MINUTES FOR 19.03.19 MEETING PCWG

1. Present: Jeff, Marje, John, Mike, Dave C, Louise, Dave B, Lesley, Alison
Late: (Stu!)
2. Apologies: Sheena, Elaine, Nic, Graham, Calum and Gary
3. Minutes from last meeting were approved
4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda:
 - Management plan still not available - Jeff to check with Gary
 - SNA funding - Jeff to check with Gary
 - Village Hall and Band booked for the Burn's Ceilidh in 2010
5. Treasurer's report:
 - All applications for funding re Chris's Project have been submitted and results will be known in May. We are comfortably in the black.
6. Dipwell data etc
 - Jeff reported on the data which he had emailed to the group. It is very encouraging and shows that the Moss recovers well from dry periods. It will become available on the website
- 7 and 8. WTS update:
 - Things to report from Gary:
 - A/ British Dragonfly Society are keen to hold a couple of volunteer scrub pulling days on the Moss this year and Daniels is keen to see the Poppers in action - as I am too.
 - I suggested we hold a collective volunteering event between; PCWG, WTS and BDS to make some real difference and it would be good collaboration. I've passed on you email address to Daniele and she will be in touch soon.
 - B/ I've marked about 10 standing dead trees with green spray. They are along the footpath heading towards the steps and are starting to pose a risk. Contractors will be dealing with them soon.
 - C/ I have no internet or land connection at the mo' until BT fix. Will send you a copy of management plan when it's sorted.
 - D/ I'm steadily working through the high priority outstanding management plans and most urgent major site works on other sites so should be able to revisit the Portmoak Moss grant app' in the next few weeks.
9. Chris's project:

The Portmoak Festival have asked for an event in the orchard. Elaine to liaise and report. Grass may require to be fertilised and Dave C will ask Turfit.

10. John Muir Trust/Portmoak Primary School:

The P6 pupils will survey various areas of the moss and estimate the numbers and sizes of the birch seedlings as part of their JMT Project

11. Events planning: eg Xmas tree pruning, dawn chorus

- Dawn chorus - 4th of May - 0400. Flier to be given to Jeff for onward transmission
- Signs - Stu to liaise with Stuart to confirm date for putting up the new view-post sign and then email group as help will be required
- **Orchard pruning -(successfully completed)**
- Christmas tree pruning - 24th March -1100 at the bench - Mike in charge
- Birch pulling, Lesley and Mike have been doing an amazing job in an area of the Moss. They have removed 1000s of tree seedlings. Mike is planning a larger event with some of the volunteer groups. Everything helps as this is a major undertaking
- **Gary may arrange to poison trees in August - Jeff to check with Gary?**
- **Kinclaven woodland group volunteers - this group will be asked to join us birch pulling on the 23rd of March (Louise to liaise with Matilda to coordinate the date and/or suggest another date out-with the bird nesting season) (cancelled)**
- WTS biodiversity day (15th June) - planning ongoing
- Moth day - date to be arranged
- Teacher day - planning ongoing
- Next Christmas tree event will be 15th December

12. Hours spent volunteering:

Jeff collated information and will circulate

13. AOB:

Newburgh Orchard has a similar outlook to our own orchard and I am not sure what we were to do about that!

Red squirrels - Louise has registered us as a group to record sightings. This may lead us to access to interesting talks and walks.

Citizen science - Stu and Nicola will be our point of contact - something about nutkins!

14. Date of next meeting 16.4.19