

MINUTES FOR 17.12.19 MEETING PCWG

1. Present. Lesley, Mike, Gary, Jeff, Louise, Dave B, Dave C, Elaine, Sheena, Charlotte, John,

2. Apologies Graham, Marj, Stu, Nic and Callum

3. Minutes of the last meeting. Matters arising.

A - Bog day 12th – 21st of June event will take place – Biodiversity in the Moss – guided walk. date is 13th of June. Louise to talk to the guy after Christmas.

B - L to pursue SNH survey records. We'll pursue our survey records as well - Jeff to follow up.

4. WTS update. Kilmagadwood deer fence. Possibly removing deer fence in the field nearer Scotlandwell. No action imminently. We want to retain the fence next to the road for safety of dogs and kids. Higher, older fence will be completely removed.

Gary has a volunteer who wants to join us. Jeff to follow up with Gary. Anent that - Sheena also has a potential member.

Birch control - The north edge wasn't done this year but will be the priority next year. Glyphosate in spring and summer.

2 other funding sources.

A - Peatland action money for reprofiling. Gary to pursue plus felling.

B - Sheena may be able to get hold of carbon offset money. The Leven project. Sheena and SEPA will arrange meeting with WTS. Money to be used to replace the birch fringe with more diverse species and restrict birch regen.

5. PCWG report for WT (unsafe trees/bridges etc).

6. Treasurer's report and review of Christmas tree event

76 trees and over a £1000. Better organised this year - Extraordinary that there are still trees in there. L and L to update the risk planning.

Next year the event will be on Sunday 13th Dec. 2020.

7. Events coming up - Burns ceilidh on 1st Feb Band fixed, food fixed, booze fixed, haggis eviscerator fixed, hall fixed. Dave and Elaine to talk entertainment. Tickets and publicity still to be discussed. Flyers ready by Thursday dinner. Raffle prizes - Marje.

8. Dipwell data. Another one to be done before the end of the year.

9. AOB

Charlotte. Birch sapling stealing. All in favour.

10. Date of next meeting 21.1.20