



PCWG Meeting 15 Feb 22 (at The Well Inn)

1. Present: Elaine and Dave C, Stuart, Jeff
2. Apologies: Marje and Graham, Lesley and Mike, Louise and Dave B, Charlotte, Sheena, Tanji, Tara from WT
3. Previous Minutes approved

Outstanding from January meeting:

- Inventory completed - full list now with Louise. Item closed.
- Scanning the archive of documents - don't do it. Large and expensive effort which won't deliver added value. Scanning doesn't help to make information easier to find: instead of flicking through paper documents which is comparatively quick and easy, for scanned documents each individual file would have to be opened and read, which is slower. Adding metadata to each file which could then be searched would require someone to read everything and entering many key words for each file. Even that doesn't help a lot - for example words like Moss, tree, sphagnum, orchard will come up in a huge number of files. Even if the archive was digitised, who would look at it and why? Item closed.
- Defibrillator. Considering cost vs risk/probability of needing it vs likelihood of success - don't go ahead. There is a defib on hand at the village hall for events there or in the orchard. Would only be of use on the Moss: a few days a year with fairly low numbers of people. We'll have first aiders who can use CPR to try to keep someone going until either: defib from village hall is brought; or a medical first responder arrives (there is one in Kinnesswood); or paramedics arrive. Defibs without early professional medical support are unlikely to save someone. Item closed.

4. Woodland Trust report

Matilda: producing a flow chart on volunteering requirements for events: designated leader, TRA, first aiders, first aid kit, insurance requirements, etc. Basically what we do is in line with requirements and this is just to formalise it and make it easier to check compliance.

Jubilee planting underway in various groups/communities. One idea is to put say 25 more fruit trees into the community orchard to replace failed ones and increase numbers. Waiting for **Tara** to check if we could get WT tree packs for higher on the hill. Need to make sure that species selected are OK with WT.

5. PCWG Report to WT

Next birch pulling event on 4 April with Lothian Volunteers and Bog Squad. **Michael McG** taking the lead on this. Follow the usual procedure for event planning and send to Tara.

Visit of Alastair Seaman, WT leader, scheduled for 20th April. Plan the visit agenda and route with Tara on 17th March. **Stuart and Jeff**

Living willow structure near the entrance to the Moss where the land is wet. Talked to Kate Sankey and she can supply and give advice. Need to come up with a design: **Jeff**. (Don't have much time available - if someone else can look at this, feel free).

6. Treasurers report - Lesley (updated post meeting)

The Treasurer circulated details of payments made and income received since the last meeting: income £0, outgoings £71.86 for web hosting platform.

7. Plan for year / updates

New Management Plan - Tara was receptive to the idea of PCWG putting forward suggestions of what our priorities are, with the caveat that obviously WT have to consider other aspects and not all of our wish-list may get done. **Stewart, Sheena, Michael, Louise, Jeff** to get together to identify and prioritise items on our wish-list.

6th Feb for orchard pruning day postponed due to weather. Need a new date. Who fancies coordinating this? Should we buy a long handled lopper? **Jeff** to investigate cost. Can also make a long handled saw using an old Silky blade with a 2.4m length of wood. Jeff has a prototype that we can try.

Stuart has plaque for Shep. Organise unveiling in the Moss perhaps April with family, Community Council and friends. Next meeting.

Replacement plaque for Cris's bench: **Stuart** to look for something in stainless steel or similar.

Mandy's bench: top of ramp on Moss. Funding is with Mandy's friends.

Gosia (Kinross Climate cafe) has a colleague who is a bog expert and could help us with water table management and other technical advice. **Jeff** to set up an initial meeting.

8. Other possible events for 2022

Portmoak birdwatch/dawn chorus

Moss identification - (Stuart met mycologist from Edinburgh Botanics who could maybe come and do survey)

Fungi Identification

Kilmagad Booklet launch – maybe at Portmoak Festival if held this year: with **Marje**.

9. Website

Blog – Lesley has taken the initiative on writing blogs but we need someone to take ownership for publishing on the website. How does it work in practice? Are all the blogs displayed and visible for ever? Does it need one of us to upload it or can people put up their own themselves? Does FaceBook point to the place where blogs are kept, or to specific blogs? Is FaceBook a better place to put blogs? All questions for whoever takes on the challenge of setting this up.

Post meeting note: Lesley and Louise are going to take the lead on this.

Steering group area tuned up a bit to make separate buttons for Maps, TRAs, Financial. This is a place to preserve knowledge so please send things like notes that we could use on a tour (Tour Notes) and WT forms and procedures (WT Admin).

10. AOB

Drum Community Woodland group borrowed and returned our tree poppers. They found them very useful.

Date of next meeting 15th March 2022

Minutes by Jeff