

Minutes of the meeting 21.6.22 at The Well Country Inn

1. Present: Louise, Jeff, Tanji (and Bruach)
 2. Apologies: Dave B, Charlotte, Sheena, Graham and Marje, Stuart G, Michael and Lesley, Elaine and Dave.
 3. Minutes: Approved by Jeff + matters arising.
 - We hope to have the new way of working in place by the end of the summer.
 - . ACTION: Jeff to email Tara and Matilda to find out if the new way of working can be completed in time for the next birch pulling in September
 - . The broken handrail on the steps on the north path should either be replaced or the whole length of the handrail removed and we'll simply use the new handrail on the other side.
 4. WT update
 - This had already been circulated by Jeff
 - ACTION: Jeff will email Tara saying that Gary knew about the orchids etc and delayed the contractors til after the flowering season. WTS will have a note of when the contractors did the path work in previous years.
 - . The broken handrail on the steps on the north path should either be replaced or the whole length of the handrail removed and we'll simply use the new handrail on the other side.
 - . Louise has told Mandy's friends about the new bench being installed 24.6.22
 - . In response WT's call for a 50 year vision for the Moss initial thoughts were that the raised peat bog should be self-sustaining, there should be more areas of open water, especially where the clear felling is planned, there should be natural regeneration rather than re-planting and more forest edges to encourage birds; a mosaic of habitat could be created in conjunction with eg RSPB; The Moss could be integrated with the Loch Leven NNR; increase biodiversity; increase school involvement; acquire surrounding land, to extend the bog; some paths need to be re-routed as the bog gets wetter. These were some of the ideas bandied about. ACTION; Jeff to write them up and circulate for comment from group members.
 5. PCWG: nothing new
 6. Treasurer's report: as circulated by Lesley.
 7. Marje's report (via Louise): the orchard walk went well; the school conservation project in the Moss was great. The children really responded and have converted the data they collected into various graphs and charts which Marje will share.
 8. Plan for the year:
 - . Balsam pulling: when it appears
 - . Birch pulling Sept 18 10-16
 - . Fungal foray: 28 Aug with Dr Tony Lyon
 - . plum tree pulling TBC at July meeting
 - . apple day: 2nd Oct Andrew Lear confirmed; ACTION: Charlotte please ask Fife Rangers if we can borrow their electric apple masher again.
 9. Management plans for Moss and Kilmagad Wood: see Tara's email and item 4 above.
 10. Gary's dinner - still no response
 11. Website; Louise will resume posting news articles etc and Jeff will continue to upload minutes etc
- AOB: a new climate change community officer funded by the Government wants to know more about what we do. ACTION: Jeff will speak to her and possibly invite her to one of our monthly meetings. The hall is having a fund-raising ceilidh on Aug 27th and wants us to spread the word.. We'll be asked for a raffle prize, possibly food.