

PCWG Meeting 20 Sep 22 (at The Well Inn) Draft

- 1. Present: Jeff, Louise, Dave B, Charlotte, Lesley, Sheena, Stuart, Elaine, Dave C, Michael, Tanji
- 2. Apologies: Marje and Graham, Nic, Stu, Callum, John W
- 3. Previous Minutes approved, Jeff to put on website
- 4. WT update:

Works update from Tara:

4. Woodland Trust report

Kilmagad Wood - 5123	2	WC - Shelter Supply / Erection	24/10/2022	24/11/22
		Create a small stock fenced area with rabbit netting, by the main entrance to the left of the path on the left hand-side. To be a long thin triangle, for the continuation of the orchard planting by the volunteering group. Three large strainers in each corner. Approximately 50 Linear metres total. Volunteers to supply and plant further fruiting trees within, with no tree tubes.		
Kilmagad Wood - 5123	3	WC - Invasive Plant Control - 1	03/10/2022	30/11/22
		Gorse cutting a channel along the upper eastern track by the bench/information panel. See map. Cut back, chip and spot treat all Gorse to ensure a 2 metre clearance on both sides, from the outer path edges. The aim is to open up the lines of visibility and prevent it filling back into the path corridor. Spec Ref: 4.4		
Kilmagad Wood - 5123	4	AW - Visitor Access Capital -1	07/11/2022	15/12/22
		Tree shelter removal as required across site Please provide a day rate for works and submit numbers lifted daily This equates to an initial approximately four man days with disposal allowance.		
Portmoak Moss - 4876	5	NWH - Initial Restoration Work - 1 Raised bog restoration works. Cutting back and spot weeding an agreed area of regrowth on core area of raised bog. No spraying within 5m of all water courses. Trees within 5m of water course to hand pulled or dug out using spades. Larger birch are to be felled and left on site to provide deadwood. Spot spraying of foliage & cut stump treatment required immediately after felling. FCS Soil and Water guidelines must be adhered to at all times. Pesticide record sheet required. This equates to 28 man days. A completed pesticide record sheet is required before the invoice can be paid.	10/10/2022	25/11/22

 Kilmagadwood-stock fence to be done in October. We have trees in pots now, planning to plant in November? Gorse cutting up the eastern track and along the top

- Moss: removal of trees along the western edge of the dome-conifers and large birch trees; birch trees need to be removed off the dome. Need to get Tara and the contractor to make a site visit of determine how best to eliminate the large birch now spreading seeds.
- Moss path works: most of the path is in good condition apart from the section on the southern edge of the dome that gets wet/icy in winter.
- Brush collected needs to be removed or it will break down and act as fertisiler.
- Stuart will email Tara
- Orchard: Louise is meeting Tara Oct. 14th to review the orchard including the encroaching native trees planted in 'error' (overenthusiastic schoolchildren when mass planting was done)
- Interpretation: replace existing boards; we need clarification from Eilidh.
 Louise, Tanji & Michael will meet with Eilidh to discuss
- Change of organization status/new working arrangement has been suggested by Tara. There is uncertainty around what that would mean for the group. Graham to be contacted for his views and Jeff, Stuart, Michael to create a 'fact finding group' to report back on the advantages and disadvantages of various options
- 5. PCWG Report
- 6. Treasurer's Update: Bank balance £5423.26
- 7. Apple Day: October 2nd. Andrew Lear had to cancel due to unexpected family death. All are providing baking. Sheena organising children's activities with Marje & Tanji; Louise is in charge with Lesley supporting; Michael will work the scratter; Charlotte on food & drink. Meet for 12pm on the day, finish at 4pm.
- 8. Updates: Jeff?
- 9. AOB

Steps-anything being done? Chase Tara on who has ownership. Jeff will look for map which should show us.

Update Elaine's email address to: carrutherse902@gmail.com

Date of next meeting:

Minutes by Tanji