



PCWG Meeting 18 Oct 22 (at The Well Inn) Draft

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

Orchard: Louise met Tara in Orchard and discussed planting of new fruit trees and some trimming of native trees (these can not be removed) which are shading existing fruit trees. 2 sites have been agreed with WT and will be fenced off (WT no longer using plastic guards), then we can plant.

Interpretation Board: subcommittee to meet Eilidh to discuss WT new communication approach and how we can input to it.

Kilmagad steps: confirm that these are within WT boundary so they can proceed with replacement.

Action: Jeff – already done

Moss path upgrade and bog restoration: unfortunately planned meeting with Tara on moss didn't take place due to miscommunication but we are keen to still have our input. Special concern is imminent collapse of large dam at far end of dragon fly ditch. *Action: Stuart to liaise with Tara*

Review of WT-PCWG working relationship: (Also See *item 8*) management plan subcommittee carefully assessing information provided by WT to identify implications for us. One key issue would be having to have our own insurance. Community Woodland Assoc might be able to help/advise? Have been given Spudwood contact as group similar to us *Action: Jeff et al*

5. **PCWG Report:** - insert our report to WT

(Brush collected needs to be removed or it will break down and act as fertilizer – from previous minutes)

Labeling apple trees – need to consolidate information we have on what trees where... What types of label suitable: wood, metal, ceramic *Action Charlotte to investigate*

6. **Treasurer's Update:** Bank balance £5467? (If my maths correct?)
7. **Proposed plan for year – so far**

Fruit tree planting	By end of this year, after fencing done
Xmas Dinner in Well Inn	20/12/22 <i>Action: book</i>
Possible Fruit tree Grafting course?	<i>Action: Louise – To contact Andrew Lear</i>
Birch tree pull	17/1/23 with Nature Scot
Burns Ceilidh	28/1/23 Dave has booked band but lots more to sort <i>Action: Batchelors, Dave C, Sheena to investigate possible caterers</i> <i>Action: Lesley to sort licence for ceilidh</i>

Orchard Pruning	18/2/23 (4/3/23 as backup) <i>Action: Louise to inform Tara as showed interest in coming</i>
Possible Kinclaven Exchange days	
More Birch pulling	<i>Action: approach WT re recruiting their volunteers</i> <i>Action: Dave to contact Comm Woodland Assoc re Recruiting help</i>
kiddy event(s)	<i>Marje might have ideas</i>
Guided walks	<i>Birds , fungal forays, moss identification???</i>

8. Updates

Management Plan – our future relationship with WT

Have formed Subcommittee (Jeff, Graham, Michael, Stuart)

Jeff and Graham have met to set the ball rolling. It will be very much process driven, identifying possible options and their benefits and cost implications eg insurance. Hope to have identified optimal working model by end of Dec

Apple Day Debrief : great turnout and nice to see everyone relaxing and making great use of Chris' place as it was intended. Apple Day proceeds - record breaking £416!

Action: all, send any good photos (which have necessary permission) to Louise

9. AOB

Himalayan Balsam found behind Pump St *Action: Batchelors and Bruach to investigate*

Chris plaque – Charlotte has got replacement but got to fit (when she finds it again)!! *Action: Charlotte*

Trip hazard SW corner of moss – log in middle of path *Action: Charlotte to get photos for next meeting*

Date of next meeting: 15/11/22

Minutes by Charlotte