

Minutes

Meeting 21.03.2023 19:30 Well Country Inn

1. **Present:** Lesley, Michael, Jeff, Louise, Dave, Sheena
2. **Apologies:** Tanji, Charlotte, Marje, Graham, Elaine, Dave C, Stuart, Stu, Nic
3. **Minutes** from 21.2.23

Approval Michael, seconded by Lesley

Matters arising not covered by the agenda

Item 2 Jeff's email to Tara

WT (Tara) say that there is not an experiment Bog Restoration instead of a work plan item.

We have asked for clarification of what is going on: So was the spraying carried out after all? Doing the cutting but not following up with chemical treatment is about the worst possible approach. All it does is coppice the birch which makes their roots even stronger so they grow back more vigorously with even more stems than they originally had. If you haven't done the chemical treatment yet, what's the plan?

No response from WT after 4 weeks.

Item 10.5 Michael to continue to keep an eye on the convention of wetlands

Item 13 Dave to lead bird box creation in Autumn

4. **WT Update** (Tara) No update received from WT
5. **PCWG report**
 - a. All first aid WT online refresher training completed, except Dave's which was in progress – deadline end March
 - b. Jeff to confirm with Stuart if contact made with Tara regarding collapsed fence at Kilmagadwood
6. **Treasurers report**
 - a. Web hosting £71.86
 - b. New tree ties £8.39
 - c. £60 donation from calendar sales
 - d. £80 donation for Xmas trees

7. **Plan for the year**

Bog squad

- a. **Jeff** to move the photo in the TRA and resend to Tara
- b. **Michael** to get 1st aid kit from Jeff

April 8th Easter event

- c. **Michael** to send out advert on social media
- d. **Jeff** to send to mailing list

April 15th 1pm Xmas tree pruning for all who can attend

Dawn chorus – with Stuart for organising – Sunday 7th May

Plan for the year file updated with future events

Himalayan Balsam pulling May/ June - adhoc unless large volume

Louise to generate a rota for supporting WT days in September

8. Updates

Dragonflies – reduced level of surveys proposed due to drop in numbers

Jeff to mail Tara about dams, following up last email on topic on 19 October – will reference loss of odenata – **Louise** to share info from George

9. **All** Think of personal contacts who may be interested in joining group

10. **AOB**

MSc student – **Jeff/ Louise** to meet Thursday at 10am

Earth day market – 22nd April in Perth at PKC offices – **Louise** to share details