

Minutes

19.12.23 19:30 Well Country Inn

1. **Present:** Charlotte, Jeff, Lesley, Louise, Michael, Dave.

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2. **Apologies:** Tanji, Izzy, Stuart, Sheena, Graham, Marj, Dave C, Elaine, Nic, Stu, Calum

3. **Previous meeting Minutes** Lesley proposed. Jeff seconded

4. **Treasurer's report.** Over £1400 from the Christmas tree event. Other outgoings £221. Excellent work with the many many boxes. The Sumup now works and this is the future. **Charlotte** will have a petty cash box at whatever level she deems appropriate. No receipts required but a note of expense is needed.

New website called Assemble from the WT through which we may be able to claim the cost of the silky saws and the belts. **Charlotte** to pursue.

Big thank you to Ali Russell - AKA Tin Pan - for heroic work overseeing our books for the last many years.

5. **WT update:** Izzy still finding out about Moss outer loop paths being made 'official' (in terms of removing fallen trees) and will hopefully have an answer for Jan '24 meeting?

Kilmagad Wood management plan review should be ready to share early in the new year. Not yet started reviewing the Moss management plan.

5a **PCW update. Christmas tree event.** Great success. 160-ish folk. Lot of newbies. Many bairns. Shifted 60 trees. Parking difficulties at one point, resolved without incident. Good job collecting offers of help. 20-odd new email addresses. Well done Simon. Thanks to our helpers - Ian - both days, Sandy and David on the Saturday, Fiz on the Sunday.

600 Facebooky thingies according to Michael. Hooray.

The use of photographs and WT regulations (on requiring written permission) may be shifting. Hooray.

The Moss was on CBeebies last week. Fab piece. **Jeff** to put the link on Mailing list. **Michael** on to Facebooky thingie. Link on Website. **Louise** to send Jeff words on the event

6. **Peatland Action Visit 24.11.23:** Feedback & any questions from PCWG (ref: Izzy's follow-up email) **Louise** to email Izzy with our response.

7. **Markinch Heritage Group request** (Jeff & Michael). September 24 at the earliest.

8. **Bird boxes** (Dave). Action **Simon** to follow up with the parents of the pupils who take part. More to add.

9. **PFTY** (Louise): Bog Squad dates? Waiting to hear.

Lothian - April 7

Sepa still waiting

Apple Day 29th September (see also, AOB)

10. From Stuart: I got in touch with Alison and Jean at Bankhead Moss (Jean is the reserve co-ordinator) and they are up for giving us a guided tour. Probably to be incorporated in the discussion on Peatland Action visit and Izzy's report. What they need to know is, which day would be best, **weekend or weekday and roughly what date would we suggest between middle of January till the end of February** (Jean will be away after that). Who would like to go, I've got five including me so far. If you could let me know what the consensus is I'll get back to Jean.

Suggested dates. Friday. 23.2.24 plus Louise Birthday celebration. Or March 1st - not her birthday.

Apple Day. Last Sunday in Sept. 29th

Potentially add Fungal walk on Appletree day, led by Cameron Diekonigin and not involving the group. **Jeff** to follow up this plan and also on boosting the website with fungal piccies.

Scott Patterson has agreed to do a Bird Walk in the Moss for us during the Portmoak Festival. We need to know when the festival is. Stuart suggests a Saturday morning 9am or so for the event.

11. **AOB**

Dave talks to James Drysdale re moving plastic tree guards

Lesley suggests a birch removal walk between Christmas and new year.

She'll decide a date and let us ken.

Jeff. No recent minutes on website. **Louise** to search for AGM minutes and give to **Jeff** who will put them on.

Louise. We should have a wassail in our orchard. 12th day after Christmas Saturday 6th Jan at 1600 (since amended to possibly 5th Jan, which is Twelfth Night; Jeff Firepit.

Date of next meeting: January 16, 2024