

Minutes (Draft) 19 March 2024 Well Country Inn

Present: Stuart, Jeff, Louise, Elaine, Charlotte, Susan, Izzy,

Apologies: Sheena, Mike, Lesley, Dave B, Dave C, Linda G. David G.

Previous meetings minutes: Proposed, Jeff. Seconded, Susan

WT Update: Izzy has had discussions with NatureScot and the proposal is;

1. Mensuration survey. This would be a survey of trees and vegetation carried out by a contractor paid for by WT.

2. Feasibility Study for the work proposed.

NS proposing clearing regenerated area C3 including some Scots Pine and cell bunding etc.

Contractor has been in the Moss over the last few days removing fallen trees and putting in new bridges.

PCWG Update: Bankhead Moss visit was very successful. Stuart to send thanks to the Bankhead team.

Orchard pruning on 2 March went well and two volunteers came along John and Paul. This resulted in discussion about our volunteer list and the need for someone to own it. Lesley to be asked if she has more information. Izzy thought the WT volunteer list could be used here and will find out more and report back at next meeting. Item for next agenda.

SEPA Birch pull, Sheena to thank the group for the work they did and we hope to see them again. Mike had suggested we could speed up the introduction and safety talk at the beginning of these volunteer events. The mood of the meeting was that this could be difficult with such corporate volunteer days.

Management Plan Kilmagad: Izzy thanked those who made comments.

Management Plan Portmoak Moss: First draft has been sent out to group through Tanji. Not everybody could read/download the plan so Tanji to resend.

The plan will be made live before the studies from NS/WT are concluded. The reason for this is the very 'out of date' state of the old plan. Plan will be open to amendments at a later date as the studies progress. We felt it would be good for all the parties, if we could come together after the studies had been done but before amendments to the plan are made. This would allow NatureScot, WT and ourselves a chance to explain our vision, reasoning and how we believe we can all work together. We would be pleased to organize a half or full day meeting if wished.

Comments to plan before 8th April. Group to put out posters inviting comments from the public.

Treasurers Report: Expenses £424.80 Income (pending from Assemble expenses claim) £384

Overall outgoings £40.80

Biodiversity meeting: Meeting at Portmoak Hall 28th April 2:00pm. Good attendance expected from PCW.

Portmoak Primary School: Bird Observation Survey 13th May helped out by Marje. This is part of their John Muir award activities. Help wanted to locate active nest boxes in Kilmagad.

Hydrology Update: Jeff has revamped the entire dip well data. It is now possible to track individual wells or groups of wells. Jeff to carry on exploring the possibilities to glean more information from the data collected.

AOB: AGM minutes to be put on website. Action Tanji

Mens Shed lost a battery for a drill. Action Dave B

IUCN would like to visit site. Action Louise

Kirk car park. Community Trust has made an application for the right to buy to ScotGov. Charlotte to monitor progress.

Next meeting: 16th April