

PORTMOAK COMMUNITY WOODLAND GROUP  
MINUTES – TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024  
THE WELL COUNTRY INN 7.30pm

Present: Jeff, Charlotte (Chair), Stuart, Linda & David, Elaine (Minutes),  
Dave C

Apologies: Batches x2, Sheena, Tanji, Susan, Mike & Lesley, Marje & Graham,  
Izzy, Stu, Nic & Calum

#### PREVIOUS MINUTES

proposed by Jeff, seconded by Charlotte

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

£56.39 out – (includes annual fee for domain)

#### WOODLAND TRUST UPDATE

Apologies from Izzy as she's still not incorporated the group's comments into the Management Plan but hopes to do so this week.

No update from Nature Scot re Peatland Action Project – Izzy will chase towards the end of July when they said they said they should have time to look at mesuration(?) survey

#### PCWG UPDATE

- Louise has had two meetings with the Forth Rivers Trust, in person and on a conference call. They aim to attract private funding and make it available for various projects in this area. They should have an indication in the next fortnight if their bid for small scale funding, to support local community groups with 'various organisational needs and project development' has been successful. Louise suggested that funding for an additional Mailchimp account would help us manage our volunteers (unless they can think of a better way of doing it), a potentially bigger tranche of funding might help with the Moss restoration works, and they're aware of the Peatland Action feasibility study. Advised them that they need to speak to Izzy at some point. They have invited Louise to a workshop in Kinross on 23<sup>rd</sup> August which she will attend.
- Charlotte & Louise went on the fantastic Swift Walk on 30<sup>th</sup> June – swifts swooping around the Cobbles!! Swift boxes may follow, Louise will ask Catherine Lloyd the Tayside Biodiversity Co-ordinator.
- Louise has been emailed by 'Biodiversity PKC' inviting her to respond to a survey. Been sent to 'undisclosed recipients' - some members of the group have also received email. We could reply as a group. Will Louise take the lead on this? Reply required by 18<sup>th</sup> August. If anyone has any thoughts on it could they send as an individual and also to the group.
- Our student Natasha Currie has completed her 'Soundscape' and we hope to have her here for next meeting.

## EVENTS

- Mike & Lesley report that Him Bal wont wait until 26<sup>th</sup> July (our chosen date for Him Bal Bashing). Could Michael please say which area(s) require bashing. Agreed we could do it individually (ie not as an organised group) ensuring we do it safely and it can be done on an ad hoc basis. David & Linda keen to 'get bashing'!! (Adding in their email address here just in case others don't have it: [d.gibson525@btinternet.com](mailto:d.gibson525@btinternet.com))
- Apple Day – 29 September 2024 – Hall and scatter booked. Andrew Lear can't come. Maybe someone from Botanics could come (Louise to advise). Need to be pro active getting other volunteers to help on the day as some of us on holiday.
- Change day/time of meeting still to be discussed
- Think about putting all the different studies going on onto the website so people could see at a glance what's going on.

## AOCB

- Jeff said Kate Sankey (Flanders Moss) re workshop on hydrology – trying to link us up with hydrologist from James Hutton Institute and SEPA.
- Elaine met Bill & Sally Carr a couple of weeks back in the Moss – both were well and asked to pass on their regards to everyone.
- Stuart said he will be "out of it" re any practical work going on within the group for the next couple of months as he'll be busy, busy with family/friends visiting.