



Note of Meeting

Held at Blairhall Community Centre Thursday 16th January 2020

Attendance:

Stan Welch (SW), David Welch (DW), Alastair Hendry(AH), Ronnie Collins (RC), Alan McGuckin (AM), Andy Trumper (AT), Frank Waterworth (FW), Anne Thompson (ATh), John Thompson (JT), Lynda Milne (LM), Hilda Carmichael (HC), Grant McKenzie (G McK).

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair: Stan Welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Liz McMullan, Peter McMullan, and Maggie Dalgleish.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by AH, seconded by HC.

4. Matters Arising

- AT confirmed the group had completed a new 5 year Agreement with Fife Council for working at Valleyfield Woods and Bings wef. 1/1/2020.

5. Treasurer's Report

FW gave the group an update on WFW finances.

The only expenditure since last meeting was £285 to Multi print for the Snowdrop leaflets and flyers.

The group has received the funding of £1,800 from Fife Council.

The group was successful in its application to Fife Council Volunteering Matters Action Earth Grant for £100 to purchase wild flower seeds and has now received these funds.

6. Correspondence

- FW submitted the annual report to OSCR, this required amendment to the accounting year. FW to prepare and issue to Trustee's for approval before re-submitting.
- SW received an email from Andrew Douglas offering an owl box, which will be gratefully accepted.

7. Projects and funding

- SW and RC updated the group on the Saline to Whitegates footpath project.
- SW and AH met with Caledonian to discuss the southern section of the project. A bridge will be required and fencing to field north of Birkram Wood. SW, RC and FW to discuss cost of project and funding required.
- Ownership of footpath will remain with Caledonian.
- Northern section of path is in ownership of Forestry Commission. Group working with Saline Community Trust and Forestry Commission.
- A bridge is also required on this section. Funding to be discussed.
- SW and RC to meet Oakley C.C- next meeting 21.1.20.

West Fife Woodlands Way

- Group have been putting in additional workouts improving the footpath passed the Plague Grave with agreement of the Nelson family. Additional drainage required and further work to be carried out this Sunday.

Devilla

- Group has permission to work on link path into Devilla. SW to speak to Andrew Clark.

8. Membership

One new member, Anne Thompson was approved by Trustees at meeting.

Peter Scott to be supplied with a Membership form.

9. Training

AT confirmed 5 members have been trained and assessed to City and Guilds level PA1 PA6 qualification. SW to complete PA6 asap. Gmck, DW,AT, DW and SW completed the course.

Group decided to park the training proposed for the ride on grasscutter for time being.

10 Snowdrop Festival.

SW still looking for volunteers for leading the walks. SW,DW,RC,FW,HC and GMcK have put their names down so far. ATh also interested.

Training walk organised for 26.1.20.

Leaflets and Flyers distributed to group thanks to HC for organising.

Banners to be erected by AH

RC has arranged for a stall in Kingsgate on 1st February. HC, SW, RC, FW ,DW, GMcK to work shifts on the stall.

AT to post leaflets to Cambo.

11. Woodland workouts.

20th Jan- Continue path maintenance in Balgownie Woods.

27th Jan- Final preparation work for Snowdrop walks in Valleyfield Woods.

3rd February- Return to Balgownie Woods.

10th February- Pruning in the orchard and sowing of wildflower seeds.

12 AOCB

- RC to obtain costs for fleeces and polo shirts.
- AT to email members re interest in above.
- AT to complete booking form for Blairhall CC.

Date of next Meeting

Thursday 13th February-7:00 pm.