

West Fife Woodlands

Registered Charity No. SCO48093



Notes of Meeting

Held at Blairhall Community Centre: Thursday 1st November 2018

Trustees Meeting prior to Members meeting.

The Trustees met to appoint the office bearers for 2018/19

Nominees

Chair- Stan Welch

Vice Chair-Ronnie Collins

Secretary-Andy Trumper

Treasurer- Frank Waterworth.

Proposed: Alan McGuckin, Seconded: Maggie Dalglish.

All Trustees voted for the above appointments.

Members Meeting

Attendance

Hilda Carmichael (HC), Alistair Hendry(AH), Andy Trumper(AT), Maggie Dalglish (MD) , Frank Waterworth (FW), Alan McGuckin (AMc), Lynda Milne (LM) and Stan Welch (SW).

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair Stan Welch welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Liz and Peter McMullan, and David Welch.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting 4/10/18

Proposed by Alistair Hendry, Seconded by Hilda Carmichael.

4. Matters Arising

AH corrected previous minutes in that the contractor is Graham Developments not Scott Construction.

5. Treasurer's Report

FW provided details of the group's current financial position.

Recent invoices paid, Valuation 6 for the footpath contract of £7,687.44 and the community seating of £4,320.

Leader have still to pay their portion of Valuation 6. Fees to the project manager to be paid by WFW.

6. Format of future meetings

It was agreed by all present that our monthly meetings would continue to be open to all our members.

7. Membership

AMc advised we had received two applications for membership, Bob Cuthbertson and Lynda Milne. Both were approved by the Trustees.

The meeting discussed reviewing the membership numbers and AMc will draft an email to be issued to all members asking if they wish to continue an active membership role. This is vital to ensure the group maintains a quorum at future meetings.

8. Correspondence

AT confirmed he had been in contact with Fife Council regarding a possible funding application with LCPB.

AT has been in correspondence with John Duffy regarding a press release following the path opening. John has also asked if the group would be interested in being involved in their path grading project. All agreed to this.

AT reminded the group of the meeting organised by Fife Voluntary Action on 28/11/18. AT has accepted an invitation. AT and FW to attend.

AT has received information from Richard Smith regarding WIAT in Valleyfield. AT FW SW to meet Richard on site in November to discuss.

LM has advised WFW is to receive an invite from West Fife Village Forum. LM will represent the group.

9. Snowdrop Walks

It was agreed a sub-committee would be set up to organise. FW, AT, HC and SW volunteered. A meeting will be arranged.

Snowdrop walks will take place from 2nd February to 10th March.

10. Muirhead to Devilla Forest path project – update

FW advised we are still waiting for the new gates to arrive and be fitted.

The additional costs submitted by the contractor are still under review.

FW has spoken to Paths for All regarding funding for signage. WFW can apply for funding in next financial year of up to £1,500.

SW wished to thank the sub-committee for the path opening for organising a very successful event in very difficult circumstances (inclement weather).

11. Woodland Workouts – scheduled activities to next meeting

The planned activities as follows:

5th November- Maintenance work on the east bing

12th November – Maintenance work on the east bing .

19th November-Maintenance work on the West bing

26th November- Maintenance work on the Snowdrop trail.

3rd December - Maintenance work on the Snowdrop trail.

12. AOCB / Date of next meeting

FW, as Charity co-ordinator, has put together a Register of Trustees as required by the Constitution.

FW will be point of contact rather than SW.

SW advised that Johanna Willi of FET has advised funding is available for certain project. Group to consider suitable projects.

AT advised that Johanna Willi has invited group to the Bi Annual Diversity meetings.

AT confirmed he will be making contact with the Forestry Commission regarding the renewal of the Permission to work in Balgownie Woods which is due for renewal on 1 January.

Next Meeting -Thursday 6th December 2018 commencing 7pm at Blairhall Community Centre.

Meeting ended 8.35 pm.

Minutes prepared and completed by Andrew Trumper, Secretary, West Fife Woodlands.