

West Fife Woodlands



Notes of Meeting

Held at Blairhall Community Centre: Thursday 10th January 2019

Members Meeting

Attendance

Hilda Carmichael (HC), Alistair Hendry(AH), Frank Waterworth (FW), Ronnie Collins (RC), Peter McMullan (PM) Liz McMullan (LM) David Welch (DW) Lynda Milne (LM) Andy Trumper (AT) and Stan Welch (SW).

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair Stan Welch wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Maggie Dalgleish and Alan McGuckin.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting 6/12/18

Proposed by Alistair Hendry, Seconded by Peter McMullan.

4. Matters Arising

No additional comments.

5. Treasurer's Report

FW provided details of the group's current financial position. Expenditure over the "floor limit" of £200 this month- £607.24 to RC to cover the piper for the new path opening, the new Interpretation Board and the footpath maps.

Group still to pay the final valuation and project manager's fee for the new path.

AT advised that the group would hear the outcome of the LCPB funding application on 21 January.

FW highlighted we need to ensure tool maintenance is covered in the annual accounts.

AT to take new brushcutter for service.

6. Correspondence

SW has met with The Forestry Commission to discuss:-

1). Training, 2) The path into Devilla, 3) The pond in the Water Meadow-group to prepare a spec-to arrange a meeting on site.4).Signage and seating in Balgowrie.

AT received interest from employee of RBS to put in a party of workers on one of our projects. The canal could be an option.

7. Membership

AT provided update on behalf of Amc.

The group has received an application from Grant McKenzie to become a member.

All present voted to approve this application.

AMc has received 25 positive responses to remain members of WFW. To review.

Members were given 3 months to respond.

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8. Path Grading Project

AT reminded group of the Paths for All course on 18th January. 9 of the group have put their name forward so far. Members should register their interest with John Duffy.

9. Snowdrop Walks Update

AT has sent out an email to all members requesting they notify SW if they wish to be a guide this year.

RC advised there would be a stall at the Kingsgate on 2 February. FW and SW will attend the morning slot and HC and RC will cover the afternoon.

The path maps will be available for sale. SW has the photo's, and RC will get copies of the West Fife Villages publication.

The banners are in the container.

SW has the photo and reference books for the walks.

RC will put notice on Facebook.

AT prepared a press release for the Press.

AT been contacted by The Herald for an article.

The car park is currently in a poor state but Gordon Walker has stated it will be reinstated once Fife Council works are completed.

Snowdrop sub committee to meet on 15th January to finalise arrangements.

AT to update risk assessment and emergency procedures.

10. Muirhead to Devilla Forest path project – update

FW confirmed that dispute with sub-contractor over the gates is close to being resolved so final valuations and payments can be made.

11. Path network signage

Agreed to form a sub committee to discuss. SW,RC,LMc,AT and FW.

12. Woodland Workouts – scheduled activities to next meeting

The planned activities as follows:

14th January- Shoring up of Bluther Burn bank by gardeners cottage and orchard maintenance work.

21st January – Repair steps on footpath behind the Shiresmill Therapy riding centre. .

28th January- Pruning of the orchard.

4th February- TBC.

13. AOCB / Date of next meeting

RC applied for funding from Scotsmid.

The group needs to renew the business cards to reflect changes in Trustees and charity status. RC to action.

AT wished to thank HC for arranging the excellent Christmas lunch which again was well attended.

Next Meeting -Thursday 7th February commencing 7pm at Blairhall Community Centre.

Meeting ended 8.55 pm.

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

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