

West Fife Woodlands

Registered Charity No. SCO48093



Notes of Meeting

Held at Blairhall Community Centre: Thursday 4th October 2018

Attendance

Hilda Carmichael (HC), Alistair Hendry(AH), Andy Trumper(AT), , Ronnie Collins(RC), Maggie Dalgleish (MD) , Frank Waterworth (FW), Alan McGuckin (AMc) and Stan Welch (SW).

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair Stan Welch welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Lynda Milne, Liz and Peter McMullan, and David Welch.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting 6/09/18

Proposed by Alistair Hendry, Seconded by Hilda Carmichael.

4. Matters Arising

FW is making a second bird box but requires a standing drill. MD has one the group can use. AH to make the bat boxes. 10 boxes in all, 6 for blue tits, 1 robin and 3 bat boxes in all.

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

FW has spoken to Paths for All re signage for the new path. Waiting for confirmation that funding is still available this financial year.

5. Floor Limit expenditure since previous meeting

FW advised there were two items paid for since the last meeting. £9,576 to Scott Construction in respect of valuation 5 for the new footpath. Payment has been received from FET and Leader.

Second payment was £612 for funding of West Fife Village website. Money is refunded by IFLI.

6. Treasurer's Report

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

WFW currently have two accounts as we switch over to the Charity account.

The final payment for the community seating is also due of £4,320.

7. Correspondence

SW read out a letter from IFLI thanking the group. IFLI to be renamed Inner Forth Futures. Small budgets will be available for ongoing maintenance work of projects.

AT read out LMcM email regarding an invitation to a Funders event on 28th November. Agreed we would attend and AT will respond.

John Le Marie has also notified the group about big Lottery funding which still exists for feasibility studies. Talked about a path from Blairhall to the path network. The funding was noted for future consideration.

8. Muirhead to Devilla Forest path project – update

Leader and FET inspected the footpath on 11th September and passed the project so we are able to make the final payment when due.

A snagging meeting was held in September, some of the work has been completed other than the replacement gates and clearing the cut bushes at Muirhead. FW to speak to Gordon Walker. Agreed the final valuation should be split into two to allow some payment towards the fencing and fees.

SW,RC,FW and AT inspected the community seating and it was agreed that this was now complete and we should now pay the contractor.

HC and MD wanted it noted that they were unhappy with the two contractors and the project manager. This simple project had caused the group a number of issues.

9. Sub Committee update on opening ceremony for the new footpath

AT read out LMCM email on the updated position.

The marquee may now be erected on Thursday. AH showed the group the signage proposals which were agreed. SW has the photographs for the display and will ask the RDA for the notice display boards on Monday.

There were 37 positive responses to the invitations.

MD to organise the hiring of the portable loo.

MD to collect chairs and tables.

MD has organised cups plates etc. SW confirmed the Press was attending.

10. WFW AGM 18th October

AT updated on responses. AT to issue further email over the weekend to all members. Colin Edwards has had to cancel as guest speaker. FW contacting Johanna Willi to see if she could talk on biodiversity in Fife. FW has also contacted Jenny Ventham and an expert on the new Pilgrims Way.

Group to acknowledge John Rogers substantial role in the group and decided this will take place at Christmas lunch as unsure whether JR was attending the AGM.

11. Woodland Workouts – scheduled activities to next meeting

The planned activities as follows:

8th October- To cut grass and tidy up the community seating area and trim hedge.

15th October – Continuation with work from previous week.

22nd October-Maintenance work on the east bing

29th October- Maintenance work on the west bing

Group agreed the workout emails would now be issued monthly rather than weekly.

12. AOCB / Date of next meeting

SW has details to two new members. Passed to AMc to issue membership form. FW to provide.

HC updated on the Christmas lunch on 10 December. AT to issue email to all members. HC to draft. A deposit will be asked for.

Next Meeting -Thursday 01 November 2018 commencing 7pm at Blairhall Community Centre.

Meeting ended 8.37 pm.

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