

West Fife Woodlands

Registered Charity No. SCO48093



Notes of Meeting

Held at Blairhall Community Centre: Thursday 6th September 2018

Attendance

Hilda Carmichael (HC), Alistair Hendry(AH), Andy Trumper(AT), , Ronnie Collins(RC), Liz McMullan (LM), Peter McMullan (PM), Maggie Dalgleish (MD) and David Welch (DW).

1. Vice Chair's Welcome

Vice Chair Ronnie Collins welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Lynda Milne, Stan Welch, Frank Waterworth and Alan McGuckin

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting 7/06/18

Proposed by Peter McMullan, Seconded by Andy Trumper.

4. Matters Arising

SW to contact Andrew Clark to discuss a number of actions.
FW has started making the bird/bat boxes.

5. Floor Limit expenditure since previous meeting

In FW absence AT advised there was one item paid for since the last meeting of £9,356.40 to Scott Construction in respect of valuation 4 for the new footpath.

6. Treasurer's Report

AT provided details of the group's current financial position.
WFW have not yet paid the contractor for the community seating area.

7. Correspondence

AT advised he had issued a letter of support to IFLI on behalf of WFW.

8. WFW AGM 18th October

AT FW and AMC met last week to update the Membership list. We also included those who are just volunteers. AMC will maintain this as per our constitution going forward.

AT has drafted emails to go to members and guests. Agenda also prepared in line with Constitution.

A further e mail will be issued in early October.

9. Muirhead to Devilla Forest path project – update

Leader and FET are due to inspect the footpath on 11th September. This inspection, if successful, will enable the payment of valuation 6 the final payment of the project. AT and FW to attend with Funders.

AT confirmed snagging meeting to be held on same day at 2.30pm.

Gordon Walker had confirmed the contractor had made an application for some additional items. The only item of contention for the group was the cost of additional strainers which the committee felt was not due.

The replacement pedestrian gates were on order.
MD raised concern than the cut bushes at Muirhead had not been mulched. To raise at snagging meeting.
RC asked if additional funding could be obtained for the laying of the additional finer blaes. Action: AT to raise with funders on Tuesday.
Agreed the Scaffolding planks on the dog leg section would not now be needed.
The need to organise the signage package and plan was agreed. A sub-committee would be set up to plan and obtain funding.
RC felt the scaffolding could be utilised to make finger signs.
AH was speaking to a wood turner regarding making the signs.
FW speaking to Paths for All.

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

LM provided an update on the organisation of the opening event on 13th October.
Jim Leishman will conduct the opening ceremony. A Pipe band has also been organised.
The marquee will be erected in the Muirhead farm field opposite the entrance to the drove road. Parking will be in MD field and guests can walk along the Stirling strip to the event or lifts will be provided.
Members have volunteered for stewarding duties.
AH and John T are sorting out signage.
SW to provide the display board.
DW advised that the RDA have offered the use of their chairs.
LM and MD sourcing tables.
Invites are ready to go and will be forwarded to AT to e mail out to members.
Dunfermline Press have confirmed attendance.

11. Woodland Workouts – scheduled activities to next meeting

The planned activities as follows:

10th September- to work on the first stretch of the new footpath and cut back the Willow herb.

17th September – Continuation with work on the new path.

24th September-Due to poor weather last Monday the benches were not varnished. This is therefore planned for this workout plus further clearance work to the viewpoint passed the water meadow.

1st October-To cut back on footpath which runs parallel to the road at the East Bing.

AT is away for last 3 workouts so will issue one email covering the whole period.

12. AOCB / Date of next meeting

RC advised he would not be able to attend the Paths for All event this month.
HC has been looking at options for the groups Christmas lunch. The members at the meeting unanimously agreed to return to the Adamson's in Crossford. Agreed 10th December. A £5 deposit will be asked for. AT to email out all the members asking all to respond to HC.

Thursday 04 October 2018 commencing 7pm at Blairhall Community Centre.

Meeting ended 8.35 pm.

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