

West Fife Woodlands



Note of Meeting Held at Blairhall Community Centre Thursday 4th July 2019

Attendance:

Stan Welch(SW), Alastair Hendry(AH),), David Welch, Ronnie Collins (RC), Alan McGuckin(AM), Frank Waterworth (FW), Lynda Milne (LM).

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair: Stan Welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Andy Trumper, Peter and Liz McMullan, Maggie Dalgleish, Hilda Carmichael.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 6/06/19

Proposed by AH, seconded by FW.

4. Matters Arising

- 5(iv) Fence removal :SW to phone Gordon Walker to request payment for the work done and to report damage to the gate in Valleyfield Woods.
- 4(1) Wetlands: FW reported that, although IFLI can't fund our proposal, Richard Smith is still keen to pursue this through FET funding.

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- 7(iii) SW reported on the walk from Saline to Bath Moor which was well attended and useful.

5.Treasurer's Report

- (i) FW reported that there was one item of expenditure over £200,viz. renewal of insurance through Zurich Insurance amounting to just over £300.
- (ii) He also reported that the draft annual accounts were being audited and would be presented to the next meeting.
- (ii) Following the discussion at the last meeting on the seminar organised by Fife Voluntary action ,attended by AT and AM,FW endorsed the points made on ensuring payments are matched to the appropriate grant streams and having a view on intended use of surpluses.

6 Correspondence

(i) Following the Bath Moor walk, FW had some discussions with Sustrans who were keen to be involved and talk to other interested parties. He will keep us informed of any developments.

7 Projects and funding

- (i) AH reported that there were a few minor difficulties ,but the work on the bridge at Auld Tam's cottage was nearly finished.
- (ii) It was agreed that SW should speak to Richard Smith of Fife Council to suggest that we carry out some necessary repairs and maintenance to the bridge at Couston Woods.

8. Membership

AM reported that there were no new membership applications received during the month.

9 Training

- (i) Jock has passed his quad bike training. Andy will be asked to inform the Forestry Commission.
- (ii) Brushcutter training has now been arranged

10 Path network signage sub -committee update.

FW circulated sample signage discs.He will get information on costs and continue to progress the matter.

11. Woodland workouts.

8th July: Tidying path south of Saline golf course.

15th July:pruning stoned fruit in the community orchard, surveying the condition of the trees. Erecting bat boxes.

22nd July continuing maintenance on the Culross to Valleyfield path.
29th July:tidying the walled garden and clearing Himalayan Balsam from the side of the Bluther Burn. Tidying the paths below the RDA and the path which starts at the entrance to the woodland park from the Shiresmill to Pitsoulie road.

Date of next Meeting

Thursday 1st August, 7:00 pm.