



Note of Meeting

Held at Blairhall Community Centre Thursday 5th September 2019

Attendance:

Stan Welch(SW),Hilda Carmichael(HC),Alastair Hendry(AH),Andy Trumper(AT),
Ronnie Collins(RC), Alan McGuckin(AM),Peter McMullan(PM),Liz McMullan (LM)
Maggie Dalglish(MD),David Welch(DW).

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair: Stan Welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Lynda Milne, Frank Waterworth.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 1/08/19

Proposed by AH, seconded by SW.

4. Matters Arising

1. Minutes to be signed by Chairperson in future.
2. AT confirmed he had chased Fife council for the renewal of the Valleyfield agreement.
3. PM confirmed he would replenish the first aid kit. **Action: PM.**

5. Treasurer's Report

AT (in FW absence) reported the current standing with WFW bank account.

There has been no expenditure over £200.

The expected funding from Fife Council had not yet been received.

AT circulated the proposed 2018/19 accounts. AT To be issued to all the Trustees.

Action: AT

6 Correspondence

SW received an email from the Valleyfield contractor to advise that the Shiresmill car park was to get an additional surface of wind grit.

LM reviewed FW email regarding the IFLI event in the Glen on 19th October. Group agreed WFW should have a stall at the event. LM to respond

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LM, PM, MD, RC and SW confirmed they would volunteer their time to staff the stall between 11.00 and 15.00.

SW received an email from Shirley Ann Somerville MSP, wishing to meet the group. SW to respond inviting her to join the group at a Monday workout. **Action SW.**

AT informed the group had been invited, belatedly, to participate in the Foraging Fortnight event. The invite was only received a few days before it was to commence.

Advised that WFW would not be able to take part but would like to be notified in good time for the 2020 events.

7 Projects and funding

SW advised that he and AH had attended an auction to review options to purchase a trailer. Trustees at the meeting unanimously agreed to SW and AH continuing the search with an upper budget of £1,800.

SW provided an update on proposed Saline to Bathmuir footpath following a recent meeting with Andrew Clark of FLS, Sustrans, Scottish Rights of Way and Donald Murdoch. Ownership of land to be investigated by Donald Murdoch.

RC put forward a possible project for Torryburn Play park. It was agreed by a majority that this project was outside the group's skill set and therefore would not get involved.

Angela and FW have recently carried out a survey of the fruit in the orchard. FW will no doubt update the group at the next meeting.

8. Membership

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

9 Training

AT confirmed that all had received their brushcutter City and Guild Certificates. AT will forward these to FLS.

AT in discussion with FLS regarding updating the risk Assessment for Balgownie Woods to include the use of John Thompson's quad bike. A formal application will have to be made. **Action AT.**

AT advised that he had had discussion with the training company for a two day course for the group to obtain a PA1 and PA6 City and Guilds in weed spraying. DW,SW,GMcK, Duncan have confirmed they would attend. AT to issue email to all members to see if more volunteers come forward. **Action AT.**

AT confirmed he had spoken to John T and AH regarding becoming the groups dedicated maintenance team for all the machinery and that they had agreed.

10 AGM 2019 Planning

The AGM was agreed to be held on 17th October. Provisional booking made for the hall. RC will confirm that Colin Edwards is available.

AT will issue emails to all members.

SW,AT,AM,HC,RC,LM,PM,FW and MD confirmed they would stand for the position of Trustee again next year.

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11 Path network signage sub -committee update.

FW forwarded email confirming funding received from Paths for All for signage for West Fife Woodlands Way.

LM to arrange sub- committee meeting. **Action LM**

12. Woodland workouts.

Scheduled activities:

9th September-Work on remaining benches in Valleyfield and removal of Himalayan balsam.

16th September-Maintenance work on new footpath.

23rd September-Subject to approval from FLS Balgownie Woods.

30th September- Again subject to FEL agreement, WFW to work on clearing footpath of Devilla road to new footpath opposite sawmill.

13. AOB

LM to speak to Robert Nelson regarding the group working on the plague grave footpath.

Action LM.

Date of next Meeting

Thursday 3rd October 2019,7:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Andy Trumper.

Approved (Chairperson).....