

West Fife Woodlands

Registered Charity No. SCO48093



Notes of Meeting

Held at Blairhall Community Centre: Thursday 6th December 2018

Attendance

Hilda Carmichael (HC), Alistair Hendry(AH), Maggie Dalgleish (MD) , Frank Waterworth (FW), Ronnie Collins (RC), Peter McMullan (PM) and Stan Welch (SW).

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair Stan Welch welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Andy Trumper, Liz McMullan, Alan McGuckin, Lynda Milne and David Welch.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting 1/11/18

Proposed by Maggie Dalgleish, Seconded by Alistair Hendry.

4. Matters Arising

SW raised the subject of tree markings in the woods. A small number to be removed/thinned and planted.

Richard Smith would like WFW to do some of the path-work, fix the bridge near the gardener's cottage and repair benches. WFW would be paid to do this by Fife Council. SW and FW to meet Gordon Walker to discuss

5. Treasurer's Report

FW provided details of the group's current financial position. No expenditure over the "floor limit" of £200 this month.

£1k to be paid out this month. £5.8k for GW's services

£250 cheque received from SCISWF

FW to meet with Gordon Walker. No money to be paid out until Devilla Forest Path project fully completed. Leader will not complete final 10% payment until this is done. FW attended Fife Council's Funders' event at Glenrothes.

6. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

7. Membership

All those wishing to continue as members of the group to contact AM by email. This notification already issued by AT.

8. Path Grading Project

John Duffy from Path for All gave a very interesting talk on this subject. John distributed a Guide to Grading to the group. FW had attended a Path Grading event in afternoon and feels confident, following this, to undertake grading of our pathways. It was agreed to look at training for volunteers to take place on Friday 18th January. This will be a daytime event and John Duffy will make the booking at Blairhall Community Centre (if available) SW to advise him of numbers for catering, etc. John left meeting at this time.

9. Snowdrop Walks Update

Monday 10th sees work on the Snowdrop Trail finished.

Draft of amended leaflets and flyers for the above received from Multiprint. Apart from date changes, there was a small number of textual amendments and one addition.

The sub committee agreed to withdraw the A5 flyer used in previous years and reduce the numbers printed of the A4 flyer. HC will now contact printers to give go ahead with print run.

10. Muirhead to Devilla Forest path project – update

Gordon Walker not easy to contact. Finish date with Leader was 30/11/18, now to be put back to 31/1/19 by FW.

AH is obtaining a quote for signposts.

11. Woodland Workouts – scheduled activities to next meeting

The planned activities as follows:

10th December- Finish Snowdrop Trail

17th December- Clean up path Valleyfield Woods underpass to Woodhead.

7th January- tba by SW

12. AOCB

RC has organised printing of pathway maps. Will issue notice to advise interested parties where they can collect the maps they have ordered. Therapy Riding Centre car park suggested by RC. RC suggested another print run to sell at Snowdrop Walks.

RC looking at finger-post signage at top of Balgownie. Materials in container.

RC met with John Keddie at Bogside re iron oxide leakage. Possibly coming from mine-shaft. RC to meet with SEPA and Coal Authority into 2019.

FW advised Andy Batham states brushcutter needs maintained. AH to check.

SW attended Valleyfield Heritage meeting. Forestry Commission speaker. Meeting discussed the "pros and cons" of land leasing.

Next Meeting -Thursday 10th January 2019 commencing 7pm at Blairhall Community Centre.

Meeting ended 9pm.

Minutes prepared by Hilda Carmichael