



# West Fife Woodlands

## Notes of Meeting Held at Blairhall Community Centre: Thursday 2nd May, 2019

### Attendance

Stan Welch (SW), Hilda Carmichael (HC), Alistair Hendry(AH), Andy Trumper(AT), Ronnie Collins(RC), Alan McGuckin(AM), Liz McMullan (LM) and Peter McMullan (PM).

### 1. Chair's Welcome

Chair: Stan Welch welcomed all to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies

Lynda Milne, David Welch, Maggie Dalglish and Frank Waterworth.

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting 4/04/19

Proposed by Alistair Hendry, Seconded by Ronnie Collins.

### 4. Matters Arising

1. AT, SW, Richard Smith & a Fife Ranger met Re: Plans for the Wetland Area in the West Bing. Outcome: Richard Smith will arrange a joint site meeting with IFLI/ Forestry Commission/SEPA/Countryside Trust & WFWG re: improving & rewetting the wetland. Hopeful of a positive outcome.
2. Grange Burn Bridge was not discussed. An Annual Report should have been submitted in 2018. AT will send this to Richard Smith for further contract renewal.

### 5. Treasurer's Report

AT provided details of the group's current financial position. (FW absent)  
Further discussion needs to take place at the groups next meeting re the way forward in recording day to day expenses.  
Volunteers who work outside the Monday workouts should also have their time recorded. Details should be sent regularly to AT.

### 6. Correspondence

RC advised that Colin Edwards is organising a "Moth Night" on Friday, 10th May, 2019 from 8pm to 1am meeting in Devilla Main Car Park.

### 7. Projects & Funding

Gardener's Cottage Bridge. Wood to be delivered to RC tomorrow. He will cut this to length. Plan to replace handrails on Sat 4th May. The bridge will be closed for main repairs by the group weekend of 18/19th May. AM to laminate warning notices to attach to the bridge to prevent access.

### 8. Membership

27. No new applications.

**9. Training.**

Lothian Machinery have been recommended by Forestry Commission for training. Quad Bike Training takes 1 day. £550+VAT for one day. Brush Cutter Training takes 2 days. £550+VAT per day. Includes 4 people. SW to discuss with interested people.

**10. Muirhead to Devilla Path Project**

Ashley Paul from LEADER plans to make a video of the path and to interview Frank Waterworth on the project. Members of the group are being encouraged to appear on the video with non speaking roles. Date TBC.

**11. Path Network signage sub-committee**

LM gave a brief update. the WFWW has been walked in an anticlockwise and clockwise direction starting at the TRC carpark. The plan is to use signage in the form of small green and yellow discs which will largely utilise posts already in existence. SW is to contact John Duffy from Paths for All, for further guidance and a possible group visit to sections of the path.

**12. Woodland Workouts**

Planned activities as follows. Team Leader on all dates is Stan Welch.

6th May - Scrub Clearing & Weed control at base of steps from Viewpoint.

- 3 benches in East Bing still to be sanded & painted.

13th May- Tidying Balgownie to Devilla Path prior to video.

20th May - Orchard Cut and rake outside deer fence.

27th May - TBC

**13. AOCB / Date of next meeting**

SW proposed an all day linear walk from Saline towards Bath Moor Plantation. Possible date - Saturday 15th June.

AH advised the group that the lady in Daly Gardens who previously collected the money for the grass cutting which the group carries out, has now moved away. No one has come forward to replace her. SW to speak to members of the group who live there.

Next Meeting -Thursday 6th June 2019 commencing 7pm at Blairhall Community Centre.

Meeting ended 8.35pm.

Minutes prepared and completed by Liz McMullan, West Fife Woodlands.

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A community group dedicated to the Preservation, enhancement and accessibility of West Fife's woodland areas