



**West Fife Woodlands**



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## **Note of Meeting**

**Held at Blairhall Community Centre Thursday 6th June 2019**

### **Attendance:**

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

### **1. Chair's Welcome**

Chair:Stan Welcomed all to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

Lynda Milne,Liz McMullan

### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting2/05/19**

Proposed by AH,seconded by AT.

### **4. Matters Arising**

(i). Plans for the wetland area:Nothing to report.

(ii). Path network video. This seems to have gone well with a good attendance. Video to be released in August.

(iii).Fife Council Contract.AT reported this had been sent to Richard Smith at Fife Council for approval. It was expected that this would be approved for a further five year period.

4. Paths for all Award. It was agreed that we should consider submitting an entry in the Community Path Group Category. The deadline is the 4th August.

### **5.Treasurer's Report**

FW reported the current standing with WFW bank account.

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- (i) FW reported that The anticipated funding from IFLI for the West Fife Villages website, purchase of a scarifier and training had now been approved.
- (ii) AT reported that he and AM had attended an event ran by Fife Volunatry Action on Good Governance. Some interesting points had been made. In respect of finance, the importance of being able to link grant finance to the intended project was emphasised. It was also recommended that organisations with surpluses should have a reserve policy.
- (iii) Approval was given to SW and AH to purchase a new brushcutter up to a value of £600.
- (iv) SW will chase Fife Council for payment for the fencing removal undertaken.
- (v) FW informed the Committee that he should have reported expenditure on items over £200 over the past three months but that he would deal with this post meeting.
- (vi) Post meeting note: The items were: April - £5306,project management expenses. June-RC for timber and metalwork for the bridge repairs,£340.99 and £255.96,respectively.LMR services for quad bike training,£273.00.

## **6 Correspondence**

Dealt with elsewhere.

## **7 Projects and funding**

- (i) Gardeners Cottage Bridge. Mostly complete with a few items outstanding.
- (ii) It was agreed to look at carrying out maintenance work on the Shiresmill bridge, although this was not expected to be extensive.
- (iii) Potential new paths were discussed and it was confirmed that the recce for the proposed path through bath Moor will take place later this month.
- (iv) RC reported that he quoted £150 to Saline Community Council for some path clearing work near the golf course.

## **8. Membership**

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

## **9 Training**

- (i) AT confirm courses booked for ATV training (one person) and brushcutter (five people).
- (ii) PM will check and review the first aid kit.

### **10 Community Seating Area Valleyfield Woods.**

AT to contact local schools to raise awareness of the facility.

### **12 Path network signage sub -committee update.**

SW confirmed talks with John Duffy proceeding well. We are awaiting details of marker discs and suppliers. He confirmed we don't need signage for road crossings but a cautionary note will be included in the leaflet.

### **13. Woodland workouts.**

(i) Some discussion took place on how we might improve the deployment of volunteers at the workouts, acknowledging the difficulties presented by the unpredictability of attendee numbers.

ii) AT also raised the question of notifying members of additional workouts usually at weekends. We should give all members the opportunity of joining in and AT can advise by e mail if informed.

(ii) Scheduled activities:

10th June grass cutting at the water meadow, West Bing and picnic area.

17th June-weed control, West Bing.

24th June-path maintenance, Culross Valleyfield Link.

1st July- day off.

### **Date of next Meeting**

Thursday 4th July, 7:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Alan McGuckin.