

Dunbar Community Woodland Group
Committee Meeting of 6 February 2001
Held in Dunbar Community School offices
Meeting Minutes

1) Present

S Bell, J Cowan, C Elliot, M James, P Revell (chair), J Thomson.

2) Apologies

Councillor Hampshire, Councillor Jarvie, R Lesso

3) Previous minutes

Approved.

4) Matters arising

- a) *School logo*: SP report to follow.
- b) *Leaflet/membership form* JC to contact KW re final version and arrange initial distribution. Costs were discussed and appropriate re-imburement for paper and ink cartridge should be arranged for KW.
- c) *Paths For All*: MJ advised that he had spoken with the organiser and that there was no particular resources available for our organisation at present.

5) Report on Meeting with Landscape and Countryside staff, ELC

PR spoke to the report already circulated. A discussion took place about potential scenarios of Dunbar Community Woodland Group involvement in the execution of the landscape agreement. It was agreed that we should accept the view and ELC and Councillor Hampshire that the developer execute the infrastructure activities and that they should be under pressure to commence these works asap. The priority of the group in the shorter term should be to influence the positioning and specification of the "kick-about area".

To this end a site meeting of the committee members will take place on Saturday 10 February at 2 p.m. (Meet on the new road to Healthy Living Centre beside the area currently proposed as the site). Once we have suggestions and proposals it was agreed that the group would communicate with Cllr. Hampshire and ELC (Mssrs. Johnstone and Clark).

Beyond this, SB suggested that we needed to draw up a concept of the design and management of the woods for the longer term. He proposed a base plan be drawn up by carrying out a full and comprehensive inspection of all the wood.

6) Questionnaire/community consultation

SB spoke of this initiative that has been piloted elsewhere in Scotland which would provide the group with a synthesis of community views on perceptions towards the woods. The committee agreed that we should take advantage of the opportunity and it was proposed that the Easter period might be an appropriate time to conduct such a survey. SB to provide more details at the next meeting.

7) Newsletter

PR highlighted that we will require to put the first edition together and we should therefore keep this on the agenda.

8) Other business

- a) *Web-site*: JC advised that we now have a new web address: www.dcwgroup.f9.co.uk.

9) Date of next meeting

Thursday, 15 March 2001 at 19.30 hours in Dunbar Community Education Offices.