

Dunbar Community Woodland Group
Committee Meeting of 12 March 2001
Held in Dunbar Community School offices
Meeting Minutes

1) Present

S Bell, J Cowan, M James, R Lesso, Councillor Jarvie, P Revell (chair), J Thomson, K Wilson.

2) Apologies

C Elliot, Councillor Hampshire

3) **Previous minutes:** Approved.

4) Matters arising

- a) School Logo: 3rd years will produce a logo. SP will liaise with the relevant teacher.
- b) Leaflet/Membership form: Final design seen and approved. 100 initially to be printed. Cost: £25 for the paper. KW will endeavour to get the builders to sponsor the cost. Some to be placed in the 'Crunchy Carrot', the rest distributed amongst the committee to promulgate via personal contact.
- c) Play area: What is thought to be a more suitable play area was identified by members of the committee following a walk around the woods in February. PR has put this idea forward to Maree Johnstone.
- d) Questionnaire/community consultation: SB can get copies made of a reformatted version of the questionnaire he showed us previously. It will aim to gain an impression about the concerns and feelings of those sampled in respect of the woods, which information will be developed into the overall proposed management plan. Committee members will act as interviewers. Sample about 100 people. Sat, May 12th, 10-12. PR will contact Cclr. Hampshire re obtaining a couple of tables for a stall.

5) Contact with Ken Ross/ELC

It has not been possible to contact Ken Ross. Cclr. Jarvie will contact Maree Johnstone and bring the issue up with her. RL will contact Brodie's again to ask for consent for a formal scientific survey of the woodland to go ahead.

6) Management Plan

A survey of the woods is envisaged, 'when the plant come out'. Looking at plants, vegetation, diseased trees, drainage etc. All members will be encouraged to participate. This information, and the info from the questionnaire/community consultation, would form the basis of the management plan. (Zoning, alteration to paths, etc.) Once the management plan has been formulated, applications can be made for funding. The date proposed for this survey exercise is Sat, 19th May.

JT made the point that following recent gales, some trees are hanging in a perilous state, and there is an issue of safety.

To determine the layout of the houses, PR will try to get hold of site maps from the builders.

7) Newsletter/contact with members

A newsletter prior to the proposed survey on 19th May is planned. PR will initiate though all the committee are asked to think about what might be incorporated. RL will look into producing a membership card.

8) Date of next meeting

Thursday, 25 April 2001 at 19.30 hours, Dunbar Community Education Offices.