

## **DCWG Committee Meeting 26/4/01 Minutes**

- 1) **Present:** S Bell, J Cowan, C Elliot, Councillor Jarvie, P Revell (chair), K Wilson.
- 2) **Apologies:** Councillor Hampshire, M James, R Lesso, S Panton.
- 3) **Previous minutes:** Approved.

### **4) Matters arising**

School Logo: The competition to design now open to all comers. This will be advertised in the newsletter. Some entries already received from the primary school.

### **5) Recent Developments**

The council have approved in principle the change of play area that we have proposed. However the initiative has to come from the developer. PR has written him, but no response. The curling pond has been saved from development. Cllr Jarvie informs that the application has been withdrawn. Will become part of the woodland area?

The developer K Ross now wants to hand over the whole of the woodland area to the community (ie the portion of woodland to the west of area already discussed in the management plan). The golf course it seems is now not going to go ahead.

The council are poised to issue a Breach of Condition to the developer for failure thus far to implement the management plan. This could involve significant financial penalties. PR will put forward the proposal again to M Johnstone that DCWG will take over implementation of the plan, in return for a lump sum handed over from the developer.

The issue of safety was discussed re the state of 'hanging' trees in the woods, especially where these are immediately adjacent to properties at Ashfield. SB points out that there is an issue of liability re Duty of Care for the developer.

Cllr Hampshire wants trees planted to the west of the Health Living Centre, to act as a wind-break. Approx. 100 \* 5 m, 800 trees. Quick growing. If we work up a proposal, grant money could be obtained for the expense.

### **6) Community Consultation/Questionnaire**

SB has finished article (barring some small amendments). We need to aim for a cross-section of ages represented in the response.

PR points out that the Pipe Band competition is set to take place on May 12<sup>th</sup>, the date that we had previously set for the questionnaire day. Since there will be a large influx into the town on that day from outside the area, it was concluded that the Woodland Survey day should now take place on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and the questionnaire event should go ahead on the 19<sup>th</sup> (ie the dates be swapped around).

### **7) Woodland Survey day**

SB will prepare a base map prior to the survey. CE will obtain ranging rods etc. PR will advertise the event in the newsletter about to come out. Perhaps members of the SWT will be invited to take part on an informal basis?

### **8) Newsletter**

PR will get the newsletter out within a week's time or so. Will discuss: the aims of the group; background re where we've got so far; advertise two new places on the management group; update of latest news; advertising the up-and-coming events; inform of the web-site; and include something about the historical research KW has undertaken.

- 9) **AOB:** SWT have carried out a survey of the curling pond

### **Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2001 at 19.30 hours, Dunbar Community Education Offices.

