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**Dunbar Community Woodland Group
Committee Meeting of 26 February 2002
Held in Hallhill Healthy Living Centre
Meeting Minutes**

ACTION

Present

Jim Affleck, Jonathan Cowan, Chris Eden, Colin Elliot, Philip Revell (chair), Kay Wilson.

1) Apologies

Simon Bell.

2) Previous minutes:

Approved.

3) Matters arising

- a) SWT final report passed to SB.
- b) New brochures now printed.
- c) (4) Transfer of land: held up due to a dispute between East of Scotland Water and the Council regarding drainage.

4) Welcome to Jim Affleck, Forestry Commission

Jim Affleck was welcomed to the meeting by PR and invited to say a few words on grants and other relevant topics.

JA advised there was currently a review of grants relating to community woods and that the outcome should be complete by the time we are in a position to apply although grants applications can take place by us with the existing ownership. In fact a previous grant remains outstanding for which we would be eligible.

He commented that the woods offered mature timber with good access but that thinning was certainly needed. He extended the offer of providing assistance to the group as and when appropriate. It was agreed members of the group would meet with him on site for a walk round and discussion once we have control.

Various pieces of literature were distributed and JA closed by mentioning that 2002 was Treefest year. It may well be appropriate for us to consider something to incorporate into this series of events.

5) Participatory Forestry Appraisal (PFA)

It was confirmed that the public meeting for this event will take place on Tuesday 5 March. PR also reported that Margin Consultants would undertake exercises with all P6 pupils of Dunbar Primary. There would be a workshop with the staff of Dunbar Grammar and a

meeting was to take place with the users of Countess Youth Centre.

The public meeting will take place on Saturday 16 March between 10 am and 1 pm in Dunbar Library.

6) Web Notice Board

JC led a discussion on the workings and benefits of operating a web notice board. After some debate it was agreed that all committee members should view the site and a final decision be made at the next meeting.

All

7) Any Other Business

Spring Fling 17 March: PA exhibition and feedback would benefit from some more public exposure here. It was agreed that Karen Chambers be contacted for approval to this.

PR

Community Schools Initiative: activities sought for at risk pupils (P7-S3) in the spring and summer. PR to pursue.

PR

Activity Week: all to consider potential activities for the last week of the summer holidays.

All

8) Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 26 March 2002 at 7.30 p.m. in Healthy Living Centre.