



**March 21st 2011 Minutes of Dunbar Community Woodland Group
Committee Meeting held in Hallhill Healthy Living Centre**

Present - Simon Bell (Convenor), Andy Morris, Isobel Knox, Isobel Campbell, Jayne Chappell

Apologies - Philip Revell, Jacquie Bell, Ute Penny

1. Meeting opened by SB at 20.12.
2. Approval of minutes - minutes from February meeting approved as correct.
3. Matters arising from previous minutes
 1. Scrutiny of accounts - yet to be done
 2. Meeting with Colin Shand re lump sum - deferred
 3. Meeting happened without any representation from us and the outcome of it will hopefully be relayed to us at some point. However, pipes are to be installed during the path renovation works and DCDC will pay.
 4. Grille clear with no sign of overflowing - ? path to be raised there to prevent flooding.
 5. IK to see PR tomorrow re trading licences for Beltane.
4. Inspection reports and issues arising - Glendinning now working in woods.
5. Financial statement - JC presented update. She gave us all a balance sheet (please contact her if you would like a copy). We are £30 off the target of £572 for the calendars. Our net position has improved on last month. Expense claims were agreed by the committee. Finally, the invoice for tree planting will be given to Colin Shand.
6. Membership statement - AM reminded us that subscriptions for membership will be due next month.
7. Events, publicity & PR aspects - Beltane - IK has much of this organised. The residents of John Muir Gardens and Muirfield Road are to be consulted, with

regard to opening up the link between the two. This was on the original plans for the area and it was felt that if it were to be done, now would be the best time, whilst the works are going on in the woods. IK to do a flyer to post through peoples doors.

8. DCDC liaison - nothing to report

9. Specific items

9.1. Path construction - has started and works to take about a month.

9.2. Seeding of Gathering Place - SB to talk to MP about this. Some discussion ensued as to when would be the best time to do this. Clearly after Beltane (May 1st) would be ideal.

9.3. In case of foul/inclement weather on Beltane, some kind of shelter will be needed. A couple of members offered their Gazebo thingies.

9.4. BTCV - they still have four more days on offer for us. It was felt that the pond area needed a tidy up and that some of the Ash saplings that have self-seeded, could be dug up and replanted there.

10. AOCB -

10.1. CWA Annual Conference - a request/approach has been made to IK to hold this here in Dunbar. However, it would be in October and apart from SB being unable to attend because of prior commitments, it was felt that this was not enough notice for us. Therefore, it was decided to say that we would be willing in 2012.

10.2 IK is liaising with Diane Laing (Scottish Native Woods) with regard to funding for tree planting.

10.3. A prize is to offered in a competition for Scotland's finest woods, so we are to enter. ?£1000 prize money.

11. Date of next meeting - 6th April 8pm Hallhill healthy Living Centre.

This will be a planning meeting for Beltane and will be chaired by IK. SB away.

Action Plan

1. Accounts to be scrutinized - JC organising

2. IK to see PR re Trading Licences.

Action Plan (cont)

- 3.** Consultation with residents of JMG and MR regarding establishing link between the two.
- 4.** SB to talk to MP re seeding of Gathering Place.