



November 28th Minutes of Dunbar Community Woodland Group Committee
Meeting held in Hallhill Healthy Living Centre

Present - Simon Bell, Philip Revell, Isobel Knox, Isobel Campbell, Ute Penny, Dave Crosbie

Apologies - Jayne Chappell, Andy Morris, Mark James, Jacquie Bell

1. Meeting opened by SB

2. Approval of Minutes - minutes of the previous meeting held on 01/11/2011 reviewed and accepted as correct

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes -

the main sign remains damaged.

the new paths remain overgrown, although there has been some die back.

S B has written to the resident who had complained about the littering in the woods, thanking him for raising the issue. He has been invited to join DCWG and/or the committee.

the dying sycamore trees have been felled

regular inspection of the woods is still a problem. It was suggested that we should have some sort of formal record of inspections. SB produced a form some time ago and we were urged to use this for our inspections. He had e-mailed it to everyone, but said he would re-send one. It was also suggested that it could be uploaded to our website. SB to contact AM about this.

4. Inspection Reports & Issues Arising - there seems to be no sign of wind damage, following the strong winds.

See above for matters relating to inspection reports.

5. Financial Statement - £25,000 to be deposited into our account. Discussion ensued relating to outstanding invoices that are to be paid and what to do with any spare money. IK said that a new cheque book was needed and that she would find out about what was happening to the statements.

6. Membership Statement - no report

7. Events, Publicity & PR Aspects - the tree planting sessions that were led by UP on the 13th & 27th November, went very well. There are still a few trees remaining.

IK attended the Community Woodland Association (CWA) conference and said that there was a strong move towards green woodworking and that there had been many examples on display. She proposed that we could also work towards doing something like this, but that training would be needed. Dave Crosbie (DC) attended with her and we will be sponsoring him to do the 4 day chainsaw course. As he is experienced in green woodworking, it was also suggested that he could facilitate days in the woods, for all those interested.

The CWA is willing to fund people on practical skills training days.

The discussion moved on to the siting of a storage container. Currently we are sharing one with Sustaining Dunbar, which is in the Hallhill car park.

IK told us more about the Edinburgh company - Johnson Carmichael - who want to contribute to the community. They will be giving money to us to buy trees - Diane Oliver, development officer with the CWA - will buy the trees that we would like (fruit e.g. crab apple), and Johnson Carmichael will send a team to plant them.

The gates at Muirfield Road are to be opened. IK and UP will go and talk to some of the residents, but it is to be a low key affair, so as not to incite riots!

DC has offered to fix the vandalised bench.

Thanks to UP for setting up the DCWG Facebook page. Here is the link

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dunbar-Community-Woodland-Group-Lochend-Woods/236208469774185>

8. DCDC Liaison - PR is applying to the People's Post Code Lottery Dream Fund, for the 'Edible Roots to Schools Partnership Project'. This is a partnership approach with a local organisation (us). For this they need the most recent audited accounts.

He is also going to check where we stand with our public liability insurance.

9. Next meeting Date - no date set, but will be confirmed.

10. AOCB - IC is to re-send the doodle doc, to see if any more people are interested in a night out and the preferred date. So far only 7 have replied.

UP suggested that the minutes be put onto the Yahoo groups thing, in order to make it easier to find successive minutes, but IC needs lessons!