



**March 19th 2012 Minutes of Dunbar Community Woodland Group  
Committee Meeting held in Hallhill healthy Living Centre**

**Present** - Simon Bell, Keith Renshaw, Isobel Campbell, Isobel Knox, Dave Crosbie, Ute Penny,

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**1.** Meeting opened by SB. Apologies from Philip Revell, Morag Haddow, Andy Morris, Jayne Chappell, Jacque Bell

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting** - change at item 5b - Kenny Grieve has *not* been paid, and we still need a receipt from him for the last payment.

Remaining minutes accepted as correct.

**3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

**4. Inspection Report** -

a.) KR reported that the bench on the corner of Middlemass and Kellie Roads, has now been completely destroyed.

b.) IK reported that she had received a phone call from the resident of 9 Steadings Crescent, who is concerned about an overhanging tree. When seen by both herself and DC, the impression was that is worse than before. The overhanging branches are too high for us, so IK is to ask Gary ? (tree surgeon) to do it.

**4. Financial Statement** -

a.) there was much discussion about the £13,000 that has not been released to us by DCDC. SB is getting very concerned, because our bank balance is dropping alarmingly and we have a number of bills that will have to be paid in the near future. We have approached Colin Shand (Treasurer of DCDC) on several occasions, but no response has been forthcoming. SB is to write a strongly- worded letter to him again, impressing upon him the urgency of the release of these funds and that further action may need to be taken.

b.) SB reported that the ongoing Forestry Commission Grant has been...well, ongoing. He has now signed the form and we await payment.

c.) SB also reported and showed us an onerous document that has been sent to us by the Bank of Scotland. They are in the process of updating their details of their business accounts and this document requires that all those who are signatories to the account, provide their personal details.

**6. Membership Statement** - A few more people have joined up.

**7. Events, Publicity & PR Aspects** -

a.) Litter pick was very successful, but only a disappointing £45 made from firewood sales.

b.) Shave-Horse weekend - a good time was had by all who took part in this. The shave-horses that were made are stored in the container (see item 9 for further discussion).

**8. DCDC Liaison** - yet again, nothing to report.

**9/11. Specific Items/AOCB**

a.) It was determined that we are in need of certain tools/equipment. IK is to write a wish list and will e-mail it to SB and DC.

b.) IK is to chase up Dave Andrews re progressing use of the Community Environment Grant which we were awarded, as we need to action the maintenance proposals.

c.) the question of the storage container came up again. Not just the acquisition of one, but where it should be sited. DC considers that it shouldn't be too difficult to get hold of one and thinks it may even be possible to get one donated to us. He will do a walk round in the woods with ?SB or IK, to identify a suitable site, as consideration need to be given to access.

d.) the Rhododendrons are beginning to grow and need spraying again, so SB will contact Mark Page about this.

**10. Date of Next Meeting** - in the woods on April 30th, with barbeque and refreshments at the Gathering Space.