

**2nd October 2013 Dunbar Community Woodland Group (DCWG) Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes held at Hallhill Healthy living Centre**

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**Committee Members Present** - Isobel Knox; Isobel Campbell; Ute Penny; Phillip Revell; Craig Stebbing; David Bates; Eva Hurley.

**Others** - Dave Crosbie

1. Apologies - None received

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on August 15th 2013, accepted as correct.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (which can be deferred until item 9 onwards)

4. Inspection reports & Issues Arising -

- a) IK and other committee members inspected the woods on 2nd Sept. Dog fouling still a big problem; the bike jump over the burn appears rather high; there is an overhanging branch just here also, which DC and CS will attend to; some of the Sycamores are appear in poor condition and will also need dealing with - DB was keen that if possible they could be left for nesting birds etc, but some of them are overhanging the paths and are unsafe; the signs look ok. but CS to replace empty signs.
- b) DB asked for clarification on the gate which is locked. UP suggested a spring type mechanism, which would close the gate automatically. It was decided however that this would be deferred for the time being.
- c) DC went to a seminar which reported on Ash tree dieback. He will give a fuller report at the next meeting. It does not appear to be in our woods, but is now as far as Duns.

5. Financial Statement -

- a) end of accounting year - 30th Sept. Accounts to go to John Sparksman for examination.
- b) IC reported that there is currently a balance of £26,412.15.
- c) IC handed the paying in book over to UP, who will now pay in all cash and cheques received from subscriptions.

6. Membership Statement - we have 79 paid up members.

7. Events, Publicity & PR Aspects -

- a) Newsletter - EH is to do the newsletter this time. Items need to be in by 29th October, so that it can go to the printers

8. DCDC Liaison - still no contact.

9. Specific Agenda items -

- a) John Muir play - quite a few people attended this. The money raised at the time, was paid to the theatre company
- b) Cob Oven construction - PR reported on this. Few people turned up and no one paid for it, therefore it was free. It will need a door and will also need a test run, before it can be up and running. It was decided to do this on Sunday 6th October at 11.00. All welcome.
- c) IK has organised a Halloween event on the 28th October for the Cubs.
- d) Community Seedcorn funding was successful, the money from which was used to fund the Cob oven.
- e) Plans for Greenwood courses - 4 sessions are to be organised.
- f) Grass cutting machinery - CS to go ahead and organise this.

10. **Date of AGM - Wednesday 27th November - 7.30 pm at Hallhill Healthy Living Centre**

11. **Date of next committee meeting - 30th October - 7.30pm at Hallhill healthy Living Centre**

12. AOCB PR approached the committee members about buying and planting Yellow Flag Irises, however DC has plenty in his garden which he will dig up and donate.

13. Meeting Closed.