

DUNBAR COMMUNITY WOODLAND ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 21 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 8.00PM AT HALLHILL HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

In attendance: Andy Morris, Ute Penny, Cynthia Stevens, Simon Bell, Allan Kilpatrick, Robin Melrose, Bernice Thomson, Jean Smith, Isobel Knox

1. Apologies for absence were received from Jayne Chappel and Jacquie Bell
2. Minutes of the previous AGM were approved with no modifications
3. Matters arising: there were no matters arising.
4. Convenor's report: The convenor, Isobel Knox made her final report before retiring as convenor. She outlined the work that had been undertaken in the woods in 2009-2010, the main aspect being the thinning and felling works as per the management plan and WIAT grant. She noted that while the work was rather messy at the time, after one growing season most of the signs of site damage by the machinery have already grown over and the light let into the woods has caused an increase in growth of other plants. Other activity included the removal of the rhododendrons, the erection of signs and barriers, purchase of marquee and banner all under the grant scheme. Summer strimming of Kellie road had been undertaken by Isobel with family help. The community involvement activities were noted such as the annual litter pick and Easter Arts event, and that there would be a presence at the Gathering In to take place next month. Isobel outlined the task scheduled for late 2010 – erection of pole barriers at path ends and replanting of clear fell area, and 2011 – upgrade of paths, rhododendron spraying, fixing of commemorative plaque by the John Muir stone, as well as implementing the BTCV bid for funding for tidying the woods, post-felling. She thanked the committee for their support, Ute Penny for organising the 2011 calendar, and expressed a willingness to continue an active role on the committee.
5. Treasurer's report: The outgoing treasurer Allan Kilpatrick presented the accounts for the year to September. The main items included the income from the timber sales which will allow us to have a financial cushion. All the expenditure on the management plan and income in grants from the Forestry Commission goes through DCDC accounts so never appears in our books. The accounts were approved.
6. Election of office bearers: Isobel Knox has finished her term as convenor and Simon Bell was unanimously elected as the new Convenor, notwithstanding the fact that he works abroad much of the time: he is the only available candidate. Isobel Knox agrees to continue on the committee as community liaison officer. Allan Kilpatrick resigned from the post of Treasurer and Jayne Chappell volunteered to take this role and was accepted. The post of secretary has remained vacant and Isobel Grimley kindly offered her services, which were accepted. Other committee members who remain on the committee are Phillip Revell, Ute Penny, Andrew Morris (Membership secretary), Morag Haddow and Mark James. Simon Bell thanked the AGM for the confidence placed in him and took over the meeting.
7. AOCB: There was none
8. Simon Bell declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm