



**February 26th 2013 Minutes of Dunbar Community Woodland Group
Committee Meeting (DCWG) held at Hallhill Healthy Living Centre**

Present - Simon Bell, Isobel Knox, Isobel Campbell, Ute Penny, Mark James,
Dave Crosbie, Craig Sterling, Dave Andrews, Philip Revell, Robin Melrose

Apologies - Morag Haddow, Eva Hurley

1. Meeting opened by SB at 20.15.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th November 2012 accepted as correct.

3. Matters Arising -

Funding - we need to consider other sources of funding.

4. Inspection Report(s) & Issues Arising -

4.1 Jim Thompson (resident in Walled Garden) believes that 2 Ash trees are undermining some of the wall. Both IK & DC have inspected this area and do not consider there is any need for concern.

4.2 One of the Yew Trees along the path, leading from the Gathering Space is looking poorly, with yellowing foliage. We will keep an eye on it.

4.3 UP is concerned about trees round the pond area, that look damaged/snapped. The pond is also looking quite high, but PR said that it is back at the original level, from ten years ago.

4.4. Discussion centred around the many logs and decent looking wood that is lying around. Suggestions about collecting it and using it for something were made, but nothing decided upon.

4.5 UP also mentioned that there is a lot of weed in the pond and queried whether or not we should try to clear it. No firm decision made.

4.6 PR would like Yellow-Flag Irises planted in the pond area. It was agreed that this is a good idea.

4.7 DA has cleared a lot of wood from the Burn, but notes that it has all appeared again. It was felt that it would be pointless to clear it again, as it would reappear just as quickly.

4.8 It was also noted that a lot of garden material has been dumped over the wall, of the Walled Garden. This could be left, as it will eventually rot down.

5. Financial Statement -

We believe we have most of the money from DCDC.

6. Membership Statement -

6.1 We now have 94 members.

6.2. Craig Stebbing offered his services as a committee member. Welcome Craig!

7. Events, Publicity & PR Aspects -

7.1 IK talked about the John Muir birthday celebrations commencing on 21st April 2013. We will be creating a willow dome and an application for funding to go towards this has been made to Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

7.2 Ridge Project - IK & DC will be working with young people in the Gathering Space on the next four Thursdays. They will be showing/teaching them green woodworking skills.

7.3 The last day of the John Muir birthday celebrations will be held on 21st June 2013 and there will be several events then (Summer Solstice).

8. DCDC Liaison -

8.1 PR said that there had been no meetings for a long time. He also said that he would be standing down from DCDC board as director on behalf of DCWG.

9.1. Pump track - DC to start in a couple of weeks. Expected to take four to five weeks, depending on the weather.

9.2 Tree planting - delivery of a further 420 wetland trees is expected between the 1st to 9th March. We will need guards to protect them, so IK will look into this. This time we will try spiral guards, instead of tubes. She has also organised with a teacher from Dunbar Grammar School, to take a group of second years into the woods to plant them. Planting will be done in any bare area.

9.3. Rhododendrons - some have started sprouting again, so they will possibly need a further treatment - but this may be delayed reaction of the last treatment they received.

9.4. Path edges and verges - both DA & DC have worked on these and done a good job. DC also said that the edged will need a further strimming in Spring. Using a mower to do this, may be quicker, once the vegetation has been cut to the right height.

9.5. Civic Pride fund - An application for a grant can be made at any time. We are planning another application for woodland maintenance.

9.6. Firewood - permission still needs to be granted by us for people to do this.

9.7. Gates - these have been done and will remain locked for safety.

10. Date of next meeting - **18th March 2013 - or sometime this week.**

11. AOCB - SB mentioned the Coastal Communities Fund, which is now opened up for further bids. He proposed an idea for a skill and entrepreneurship centre.

IK mentioned that the Community Woodland Association conference is on 25th August 2013.

Meeting Closed at 20.00.