

LAIDE & AULTBEA COMMUNITY WOODLAND

Minutes of Directors' meeting 23th May 2010

Present: John Rippin, Andrew Jackman, Janet Barclay, Tony Carpenter, Alan Turnbull, Nick Murray.

Apologies: Kevin Ginty, Peter Jarosz

Approval of Last Minutes

proposed- NM

seconded- JC

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Treasurer's Report

In Peter's absence John reported that we have a possible new accountant ,Graham Banks who may be able to take on the task.

Health and Safety

Nick is liaising with Carle to set up initial procedures etc.

Events Calendar

So far the following events were suggested by Jan and agreed:-

Water lily painting competition with prizes to be judged by Rob Howard

Peter to arrange a new Dragon fly day in July . Peter will advise about charging and possible grant.

Jan suggested also a Lichen Day, and will follow up with Mary Gibson at SNH.

Peter Cunningham is willing to do Pond Dipping and also Electro Fishing also a possible early morning wild life walk. It was suggested we should contact the schools for their support.

Jan said Peter had also suggested we put up nest boxes and planted experimental apple and fruit trees.

Jan offered to contact the Owl and Hawk trust re boxes, and also mentioned the 2 year project to add signage to the walks. Also a possible Halloween evening for Children was discussed.

SRDP

Andrew said the application for the building grant would be known shortly but the renewable energy element had been left out for later inclusion after the construction stage.

Donnie is working on the SRDP Forrest plan for the next twenty year period

The Land Management Grant for path maintenance deadline is August- we have applied - amount is £3,000.

Primrose walk

John reported excellent feedback. We will, for next time conduct a series of events to take place providing an interesting circuit of the main trail. Including

Duck Race, Forestry demo, Info in tree sponsorship area, coconut shy type of event, culminating at an area to be decided:- followed by opening of refreshment tent, face painting, busking group, static equipment display and a late entry but confirmed, bouncy castle.

Easter Egg races were also suggested for next year.

Theft and Vandalism

John reported an attack on the collection box and also the theft of the table.

It was decided that future tables would be built from heavy log bases and only placed further in to the wood and secured into the ground. The marking of all woodland furniture was agreed and Nick offered to make the Brand.

John agreed to make notices banning over night parking.

Working party Priorities

Finishing Hide

Lord Lieutenant's plaque

Signs as discussed

Any other business

John drew our attention to the demand for benches and the need to be cautious about the rate of production because of time constraint

There was discussion of the method of roofing between the containers .Tony agreed to investigate possible methods using battens and sheeting.

Peter J attended the last community council meeting and requested, for financial reasons, that they submit our planning application for the proposed new woodland building. They have agreed to do so if required, and spoke enthusiastically about the woodland project in general, suggesting they had received positive feed back from third parties. JR felt their co-operation should help this and future similar applications and the success of our woodland project proves our community is capable of taking on a major venture and succeeding, giving credence to their application for a new community hall building.

Date of next meeting

Next meeting is July 29th.