**PENNEY’S WOOD MEETING**

**HELD AT DUNISLA ON WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2017 AT 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Alastair Kerr; Duncan Pritchard; Ewen Cameron; Gill Kerr; Janine Brodie; John Wheatley; Judy Dobson; Kate Somervail; Penny Pritchard;

**Apologies:**

Helena Thomson; Julie King; Rory Sheenan; Iain Campbell

Janine opened the meeting by welcoming all to Dunisla and noting the previous minutes which were taken as read and seconded by Duncan.

**Funding**

Duncan updated the group on the application for funding from the KCC. He had received an email from Barry Davies acknowledging receipt of our application and advising that it had been presented and shared with the KCC committee and will be assessed later in the month (end April). Awaiting decision (have requested £1500). Duncan also advised that Jewsons ‘Building Better Communities’ scheme were asking for nominations by 5th May. It was felt that the timescale is too short for this year but would be something to try for next year.

John commented that the Community Council should have £5000 available from the Hydro Scheme which groups could apply for later this year. However, everyone in the village (780) has to be mailed prior to this by the CC. It was agreed that we should start preparing a general, costed application to cover specific needs (benches/seating, signage, decking) with particular emphasis on the benefit to the Community and School activities, especially the promotion of outdoor learning. Alistair suggested that a first draft could be ready by the end of May.

 **Action: Duncan and Alastair**

**Spring Maintenance**

John advised the group that most of the large stobs had been put in and the trees which had blown over had been re-staked or tied and those that were leaning over had been re-set/replaced.

The working party on Saturday 29th would meet between 10.00 – 12.00 am for the following jobs:

* Checking/removing any dead trees
* No need to weed inside the tubes is unless they are choked. Most of the trees are now of sufficient size tofight their own battles !
* Put in new stakes or ties as needed
* Janine bringing markers to **√** okay once trees are checked, John will bring plastic ties
* Bring mallet, gloves etc

**Action: Working Party**

David Johnman had been contacted and will hopefully be able to come in about 2 weeks or so to clear ditches. He will also be asked to flatten the diagonal path for about 30 metres from the centre of the woods to the top gate.

**Action: John & Rory**

**Noticeboard**

Penny and Kate circulated several pictures of noticeboards and sign posts and Ewen suggested that his son in law could make the noticeboard along the lines of the picture circulated.

 **Action: Ewen to speak to Alan re making the Noticeboard**

**AOB**

None

**Date of next meeting: Sunday 25 June at Dunisla (Janine’s)**

**The meeting closed.**