**PENNEY’S WOOD MEETING**

**HELD AT DUNISLA ON WEDNESDAY 25 JULY 2018 AT 7.30 pm**

**Present:**

Janine Brodie; Stuart Dobson; Judy Dobson; Duncan Pritchard; Penny Pritchard; Gill Kerr;

**Apologies:**

Helena Thomson; Ewen Cameron; Julie King; Alistair Kerr; Iain Campbell; Rory Sheehan;

Janine opened the meeting by welcoming all to Dunisla.

The previous minutes were taken as read and seconded by Duncan.

**Constitution**

Changes to the wording of the current Constitution were discussed at length and a full copy showing proposed changes, to reflect the needs of the group, will be circulated as soon as possible to the Committee before being formally approved at our next meeting and sent to the Charities Commission. It is proposed to change the body of the Constitution first and amend the name of the group at a later date.

**AGM – Change of Date**

It was proposed that the date of the AGM be changed from November to April (this would be followed by a general meeting to discuss Spring Maintenance). This would allow the accounts ending on 31 March to be reviewed at the new AGM date in April instead of waiting until November. The meeting in November would still be held and this would be to discuss the planting, maintenance and working party for the following Spring.

**Summer Picnic**

The date for this has been agreed as Saturday 1 September 12.00 – 14.00. Notices to be posted in the Village Store and Garage and flyers (to be distributed round the Back Crook and Drum). Fifty flyers will be printed by Vistaprint for £10. Everyone to bring their own picnic/drink etc. and a BBQ will be available for use. **Action: Gill & Volunteers**

**Path Maintenance**

Duncan asked if everyone had received a copy of the new mowing schedule which included Iain, all confirmed they had. The mowing schedule seemed to be working well. **Action: Rota volunteers**

**Benches**

Janine recorded the Committee’s thanks to Ewan for organising the purchase and installation of the benches and to all the volunteers for their help on the day, and especially to Willie Thomson. Sterling effort all round. The benches look great in situ and will be a real asset to the woodland for many years to come. Ewen suggested that they be lightly sanded and perhaps oiled. The ends of the benches will need to be treated so if anyone has any suitable liquid we could use lurking around in their garage – please step forward!

**Noticeboards**

Judy and Janine met with Alan Tennant regarding noticeboard construction. Stuart has marked up lettering for the large and smaller noticeboards ‘Welcome to Penney’s Wood’ and underneath ‘Community Woodland’. These will be taken to the Aberfeldy Workshop today (26 July) by Janine. A quote will be obtained and agreed for getting them laser printed on oak. Alan thinks he will manage to match the wood he will be using to tie in with the signage.  **Action: Janine & Judith**

**AOCB**

Janine advised she had spoken to John Wheatley who had received an enquiry from Sheena Forbes regarding the installation of a memorial seat in the woodland in memory of her son, who had recently died. This was discussed and it was generally felt that it would not be appropriate to the look and feel of the woodland and it might start a trend! Also rustic benches have just been installed. However, Duncan felt it would enhance the woodland – he was overruled! **Action: Janine**

It was agreed that we should join the Community Woodlands Association as Penney’s Wood Community Woodland. The annual fee is £10 and we get information, training, newsletters etc. Their AGM and Conference is being held at Strathpeffer in October for any member who wishes to attend. **Action: Janine**

Amanda James of Crook & Drum Growing Together had met with Janine and Judy. She has offered us 20 trees and some bulbs. This will be discussed at the next meeting together with any tree packs we might wish to get from the Woodland Trust. Help with planting may be available from an Unpaid Work team through Perth Council.

**The meeting closed.**

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| ***Summer Picnic/BBQ Event*** | ***Saturday 1 September 12.00 – 14.00*** |
| ***Meeting to discuss Autumn Maintenance*** | ***Wednesday 3 October – 7.30pm at Dunisla*** |
| ***Autumn Maintenance working party*** | ***Saturday 13 October follow up if required Saturday 20 October*** |
| ***Meeting to discuss Spring Maintenance 2019*** | ***Wednesday 21 November – 7.30pm at Dunisla*** |
| ***AGM*** | ***To be held in April 2019*** |