**PENNEY’S WOOD COMMUNITY WOODLAND GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT FYRISH ON WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST 2022 AT 7.00 PM**

**Present:**

Janine Brodie; Judith Dobson; Hazel Cameron; Julie King; Phil Brewster; Alan Cassidy; Willie Thomson; Alastair Kerr; Gill Kerr

**Apologies:**

Helen Cassidy; Chris McCaughey;

Janine welcomed all to the meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

Farmers Market

Discussion regarding who was available to help set up/take down (5-7 pm on Friday, from 3.00 on Saturday but times to be advised) Janine had received names for 26/27 August. Now up to 6 volunteers for each day and agreed that we could manage with this but further helpers would be sought meanwhile.

**Action: All available**

Fossoway Gathering - 3 September 12-4

We would have our poster stand, baking and Woodland Trust info/quiz sheets. Volunteers on the day are

Judith, Hazel, Janine & Gill, with Alan & Helen to set up poster stand. All baking would be welcome and Janine would ask Iain to make tablet.

**Action: All available /Janine**

Strimmer

Strimmer now purchased and in use! (with the full fast charger). Willie mentioned that the handle adjustment needs to be looked at.

Discussion on whether the mowing and strimming should be two groups but decided that as the mowing worked out at about 2/3 times a year that there would be no need to have a separate strimming team. Willie agreed to put a note out re this.

A photo of Willie using the new strimmer is already on our website.

**Action: Willie**

Discussion on Graham Livingstone's suggestion that we trial strimming a small area over a period of 3 months (June/July/August) to try and suppress weed growth, particularly along the south west area of ground where it is severely overgrown and has choked out many of the young trees completely. Willie and Janine agreed to meet and identify an area to start this.

**Action: Willie & Janine**

Fencing

Graham Livingstone is still extremely busy and it was decided to try and get another couple of quotes from a Glenfarg fencing contractor and possibly Coventry Fencing in Auchterarder (who may be able to suggest a contractor). It is proving difficult to find anyone to undertake this job as access is not easy and every contractor busy.

**Action: Janine**

Paths

Bumpy paths continue to be a problem area - mainly due to moles! No machines seem suitable for our paths. Julie suggested using a roller attached to the mower (would need to add a tow bar). Many ideas were discussed and it was decided to put down top soil in the dips and use grass seed to even out the bumps. This would be done gradually over time. Mole hills will continue to be smoothed out when they appear.

Judith advised that the blackthorn had started to root again. It was agreed that we would purchase Round Up with a spray attachment to use on these and when it needed to be refilled, John had some spare glyphosate. In the Spring this area would hopefully be replanted with fruit trees

**It was decided to hold a Work Party for paths on Sunday 25th September at 10.00.**

**Action: All available**

AOCB

Andrew Baillie was still having a problem obtaining documents from J L Wilson. It was agreed that there was little we could do regarding this and would just have to wait.

Julie advised that she had heard from PKC and Flood Team intended to do an inspection on Thursday 4 August. There was a general discussion about this and Julie & Alan will meet with them.

**Action: Julie & Alan**

Willie suggested it would be handy to have some racking and storage in the container and he will look into the cost of this.

**Action: Willie**

The meeting closed.

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| **Dates for 2022** | **Event** |
| ***Farmers Market*** | ***Friday 26 set up/27 August take down*** |
| ***Fossoway Gathering*** | ***Saturday 3 September*** |
| ***Work Party*** | ***Sunday 25 September*** |