**Penney’s Wood**

**Meeting - 25th November 2014**

**Present:**

Ewen Cameron, Kate Somervail, Helena Thomson, Julie King, John Wheatley

**Apologies:**

Rory Sheehan, Iain Campbell and Alastair Kerr

**Continuing Agenda:**

* Minor enhancements to planting to answer local resident concerns
* Bridge, paths and grass-cutting
* Drainage
* Dog waste bins
* Community involvement

**Minor enhancements to the planting**

Trees have been moved from various locations, with a few more to be moved/removed in time. John is happy to continue with this, with help from Alistair, in the Autumn. John indicated that he and Bronwen would purchase any trees that were removed in good condition.

Kate to update Ian Moss (Woodland Trust) on the progress of the woodland.

**Bridge, paths and grass-cutting**

Rory and Helena have drawn up a circular path, map to be circulated. Helena/Rory will mark out the path with spray paint, and the trees that need moved from the communal area.

Rory is going to contact Glendevon Fencing and get a quote for maintaining the grass pathways over the summer/growing months. In the short term it was agreed that John would employ a grass cutter for a day to mark out the new paths

Bridges – additional bridges will be required, it was agreed that sleepers would be used. Kate to speak to the Bruce-Jones at Caledonia Play for supply of sleepers and benches (as natural as possible).

It was agreed that the nature of the paths could be discussed again at a later meeting, once the current and new paths had settled.

Rory is also going to look at the potential to put in a seating area in the centre of the woodland.

**Burn clearing and drainage**

Digger required, access may be an issue – John is contacting David Johnman

Other considerations

sheep dip tank needs removed and filled in

Broken drain – discussion around making this a feature

**Dog waste bins**

Kate to contact Michael Barnacle to see if there is the possibility of getting PKC to put in at least one bin as there are bins in other areas of the village. Check with Mandy regarding previous correspondence.

**Community involvement**

* Fossoway Primary School – the school are interested in using the woodland as an out door classroom/teaching resource. Ewen/Hazel to ask if they’d be able to take part in a litter-pick every few months
* Noticeboard – John speaking to the Woodland Trust about options
* Social event – it was agreed that it would be good to have an event in the Autumn, details to be discussed at the next meeting
* Website – Julie has offered to organise this, Kate to supply information, images and logo

**Any other business:**

The idea of a disclaimer was discussed – to be carried forward

Date of next meeting:

Thursday, 30th April, 7pm at Braefoot (Wheatleys)