**PENNEY’S WOOD MEETING**

**HELD AT DUNISLA ON WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2018 AT 7.30 pm**

**Present:**

Janine Brodie; Judy Dobson; Duncan Pritchard; Penny Pritchard; Gill Kerr; Ewen Cameron; Alistair Kerr

**Apologies:**

Julie King; Helena Thomson; Iain Campbell; Rory Sheehan; John Wheatley;

Janine opened the meeting by welcoming all to Dunisla. The previous minutes were taken as read and approved.

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

John has resigned from the Committee but is still happy to come along to the maintenance sessions. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank John for the commitment, expertise and hard work he has given to creating the wood over many years. He will be missed but we look forward to seeing him with his shirt sleeves rolled up at the working parties!

**Funding**

The application prepared by (Ewan, Iain and Janine) was submitted to Mr Duffy (Devon View) of the Hydro Board regarding funding. Iain has subsequently been contacted by the Funding Assessor who asked questions regarding our application. We are awaiting the outcome.

Alistair had previously suggested trying the Arthur & Margaret Thomson Trust and Janine will check our eligibility for funding from this source once Alistair has given her the contact number.

**Action: Alistair, Janine**

Judy had suggested applying for funding from Tesco Bags of Help. Janine had checked this out on-line and there are 12 pages of applications guidelines which included providing details on Governance, either a Constitution or Memorandum and Articles of Association which we would need to proceed! We will need to check out with Iain what documents he holds, and if necessary amend or put together suitable documentation for future funding purposes.

**Action: Iain, Janine**

The committee agreed not go ahead to source any other funding for the time being until the outcome of the Hydro Scheme was known.

**Link to the School**

An offer has already been made to the School to make use of the woodland and Janine and Helena will discuss this further with the head teacher now that the weather has improved.

 **Action: Janine & Helena**

**Noticeboard & Benches**

It was agreed that both these projects would go ahead as quickly as possible. Alyn could hopefully get the Noticeboard up within a few weeks and Rory has dimensions for the benches. The wood for benches would be ordered and Ewen has a small digger coming which could be used to dig holes for the upright posts.

 **Action: Ewen, all able bodies on the day of installation!**

**Enhancement of Bridge** – this would be left until other projects have been completed.

**Creating a Pond –** There were some reservations about this and it was decided to get a full costing and advice from Davie Johnman before a decision is made. Judy suggested that it would not prevent flooding as the volume of water could be too great and spill over - still flooding the path.

**Path Maintenance**

Rory is currently unable to mow the paths but has kindly agreed to house Alistair’s petrol mower in his garage and advised that we can have the use of his ride on mower. A key will be required for access by volunteer mowers: Ewen, Alistair, Duncan and Stuart (by proxy!) and maybe others would hopefully be able to mow paths between them, and Steven (gardener) will be back-up in case of uber-rapid growth. It is hoped that they could have a look at the mower – possibly on the 28th April.

**Action: Rory, Ewen, Alistair, Duncan and Stuart**

**Jobs for Work Party on Saturday 28 April, 10.00 am**

* Move stones from the path dug by Davie Johnman and relocate to the muddy patch at the top gate (see AOB below). Path can then be reseeded by Alistair
* Use of ride on mower – induction!
* Remove dead trees. (Judy has some spare willow trees that she will donate and these will be planted later in the year).
* Spare materials (plastic tubes, supports etc) to be collected for re-use. Check that Rory is still ok for them to be kept in the same place.
* Reset supports for trees as necessary

**Pics for Website** – Duncan volunteered to take some pics of the Working Party in action on the 28th and if there are any other pictures they will be forwarded to Julie for the web page.

**Action: Duncan, Julie**

**AOB**

The gate area at the top gate was very muddy and stones from the path would be moved there to form a hard-standing. Ewen suggested we contact John as he is having some work done and we could possibly have an arrangement to share stone.

Gill will contact P&KC to see if the waste bin on the Back Crook can be re-sited.

It was mooted that as the area is getting busier it might be time to ask other folk if they would like to join the Committee.

**Date of next meeting: Sunday 10 June, 3.30pm at Dunisla.**

**The meeting closed.**

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| ***Spring Maintenance working party*** | ***Saturday 28 April - 10am and follow up if required*** ***Saturday 5 May*** |
| ***Meeting to discuss Summer Event*** | ***Sunday 10 June – 3.30pm at Dunisla*** |
| ***Summer Picnic/BBQ Event*** | ***Sunday in July/August?*** |
| ***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*** |
| ***AGM*** | ***Sunday 25 November – 3.30pm at Dunisla*** |