**PENNEY’S WOOD INTERIM AGM AND GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT DUNISLA ON WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30 pm**

**Present:**

Janine Brodie; Helena Thomson; Judy Dobson; Iain Campbell; Penny Pritchard; Gill Kerr;

**Apologies:**

Julie King; Alistair Kerr; Rory Sheehan; Stuart Dobson; Duncan Pritchard; Ewen Cameron; Willie Thomson;

Janine opened the meeting by welcoming all to Dunisla

The Minutes for the 2017 AGM were read, proposed by Penny and seconded by Helena.

**Chairperson’s Report**

This was read by Janine and agreed by the Committee. Copy attached.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Iain asked if the Committee were happy for Tom Semple to review the accounts and this was agreed. He read the accounts to 31 March 2018 – copy attached. Our outgoings were considerably less as the 3-year agreement linked to maintenance of the trees to Woodland Trust had finished. The main expenditure had been to David Johnman to clear the ditch and level the path and also for the purchase of the bigger stobs. Our insurance premium could be investigated next year to find a cheaper rate, possibly through the Community Woodlands Association. The grant from the Community Benefit Fund had been spent with £2 to spare but with another two accounts to be settled, will be slightly over, which Iain advised was preferable.

**Office Bearers**

Janine agreed to stay as Chairperson; Iain agreed to stay as Treasurer; Gill agreed to stay as Secretary

**GENERAL MEETING**

**Opening Day**

It was agreed that we would have a small celebration on Sunday 2 December at 12.30 pm by the North gate to open the new noticeboard and celebrate the installation of boards and benches. Gill will send an email invitation to guests who had helped Penney’s Wood in addition to the Committee + partners. John Wheatley; Trudy Duffy; Amanda James; Alan & Ruth Tennant; Iain & Helen Davidson; Fiona Allan + guests. Iain will take photographs and Gill will send to the Kinross Newsletter. Nibbles and mulled wine will be contributed by members of the committee– hopefully to be enjoyed in the wood but in event of windchill or rain, in Willie & Helena’s house.

**Action: All**

**Tree Maintenance and Zoning**

Zoning was briefly discussed and further details and allocation of zones will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Judy advised that she has prepared a map showing the location of 46 dead trees (these are in addition to the previously removed Scots Pines) so the allocation of 105 trees from the Woodland Trust will not be too many. General discussion regarding the guards which in some cases had become too tight and were restricting growth – these should be removed where the trees are self-supporting, or loosened.

**Rory’s departure**

Rory has very kindly offered to leave his mower (providing he doesn’t need it in Wiltshire) and will encourage the new householders to provide us with the same access and storage we currently enjoy!! Otherwise alternative arrangements will be made.

**Constitutional Changes**

These were signed off by Janine and Iain. Iain agreed to send these to the Charities Commission.

 **Action: Iain**

**AOB**

Fossoway Gathering is being planned apace by their Committee and will be held on 26 May 2019 in the sports field (Waulkmill). Judy suggested it may be possible to raise funds by selling small tree seedlings. A previous idea was a Treasure Hunt. This will be on the agenda for the meeting in February for discussion.

**The meeting closed.**

**Proposed meeting dates for 2019/...**

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| ***Meeting to discuss the year ahead and Spring Maintenance*** | ***Wednesday 27 February – 7.30pm at Dunisla*** |
| ***Spring Maintenance working party will depend on when new trees arrive*** | ***Sunday 31 March - 10am and follow up on******Saturday 6 April if required*** |
| ***AGM*** | ***Sunday 28 April – 3.30 at Dunisla*** |
| ***Fossoway Gathering*** | ***Saturday 26 May*** |
| ***Meeting to discuss Summer Event*** | ***Wednesday 19 June – 3.30pm at Dunisla*** |
| ***Summer Picnic/BBQ Event*** | ***Sunday in July/August?*** |
| ***Meeting to discuss Autumn Maintenance*** | ***Wednesday 2 October – 7.30pm at Dunisla*** |
| ***Autumn Maintenance working party*** | ***Sunday 13 October and follow up on******Saturday 19 October if required*** |