**PENNEY’S WOOD MEETING**

**HELD AT FYRISH ON SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 2019 AT 3.30 PM**

**Present:**

Janine Brodie; Stuart Dobson; Judy Dobson; Alistair Kerr; Hazel Cameron; Julie King; Gill Kerr;

Janine opened the meeting by welcoming all to Fyrish.

The previous minutes were taken as read. No matters arising.

**Fundraising Application:**

The application for a new mower and shed has now been completed and sent to Trudy Duffy. Janine has researched mowers and made a suggestion to purchase a Husqvarna- for approx. £1800, passing the catalogue to the committee to peruse. She had also sourced a suitable shed (8' x 8') from Drysdales who would deliver and erect for approx. £1000. There would be no need for a concrete base to be laid as Drysdales advised the shed would be put on sleepers. It was agreed that using Drysdales would be appropriate as they are a well-known, local company.

Janine advised that she had been looking for a suitable site for the shed and there was space near the back of Alan & Helen Cassidy’s property (but out of their sight) and which would have clear walk through access to the main gate for carrying the panels. .

**Action: All**

Judy advised that she and Stuart would kindly donate a strimmer to the group as they had been given one which they did not need.

**Farmers Market:**

There were two dates available - 26th October and 23rd November. Payment would be £200 per day for a team of 8.

26th October: We need to pick up the trailer from Fruix with the stalls at approx. 7.00 pm on Friday evening (25th) for setting up at 7.30 am on Saturday. It was advised that it would take around 1 hour to assemble the stalls and then to return at 2.00 pm to dismantle them and load them on to the trailer for return to Fruix.

Hopefully Duncan will be available to pick up the trailer on Friday 25th.

**Action: Duncan**

Suggested team of volunteers: Willie & Helena; John & Janine; Stuart; Hazel & Ewen;

Janine will ask Norman, Phil, Leon, Colin, Alan & Helen Cassidy and Iain Davidson if any of them are free to assist on either date.

23rd November (Festive Market):

This is an afternoon market and also involves collection of stalls, erection between 11 and 1pm and dismantling at 7.30.

Julie volunteered to pick up the trailer with Alex on the morning of the 23rd. **Action: Julie & Alex**

Suggested team of volunteers: Alistair, Julie & Alex + see above

**Please note that all timings and collection details are yet to be confirmed**. These will be emailed as soon as possible.

**Action: All**

**Work Party**

The October work party is planned for this Sunday, 13 October at 10.00 am - weather permitting.

Janine will put the 'Free a Tree' notice up again as a reminder that the trees need to be over 3 metres, bursting from their guards etc. before guard or stake removal. Some stakes had been left to provide support once the guards had been taken off**.**

**Action: Janine**

John Wheatley had been in touch to advise that he had put in some tree supports - smaller and chunkier than our small stakes and he has some more of these for our use.

Judy advised that the rubber ties are in a bag next to the stakes.

It was agreed that we would focus on removing guards from the hawthorns on Sunday - a prickly job!

**Bug Houses**

All agreed it was a good idea to have bug houses in Penney's Wood and Hazel and Janine would liaise with the School regarding the creation of these. A meeting has been arranged for 23rd October. Suggested sites would be away from main pathways but possibly in turning areas or under power lines where there are no trees planted. It might be suitable to locate them near various woodpiles that Alistair has left.

**Action: Hazel &** **Janine**

**AOCB**

Julie advised that the website renewal would be £25 and all agreed this.

Julie also spoke about the electricity pylon payment which could possibly amount to £50/annum. However, SSE needed confirmation of who actually owns the deeds of the land and this had been difficult for her to ascertain. After numerous phone calls to the solicitors (Mr Wilson) and accountants it appears that the deeds have not been formally handed over yet. All agreed that the paperwork needs to be in order and Julie is still chasing it up.

Thanks were given to Julie for all her efforts with this.

Iain is to resubmit the Constitution to formally change our name to Penney's Wood Community Woodland.

Trudy Duffy had confirmed that the Fossoway Gathering will be held on 23 May next year (fingers crossed for a much better day!). This will be discussed at a later date.

**Next Meeting:** this will be held on Sunday 9th February, 3.30 pm at Fyrish.