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

**HELD AT FYRISH ON WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2022 AT 7.30 PM**

**Present:**

Janine Brodie; Judy Dobson; Hazel Cameron; Julie King; Phil Brewster; Chris McCaughey; Helena Thomson; Gill Kerr;

**Apologies:**

Alan & Helen Cassidy; Alastair Kerr;

Janine welcomed all to the meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

Jubilee Event

This had been very well attended, on a lovely sunny afternoon with an abundance of food and drink! The event organisers had done a great job. The woodland proved to be a wonderful setting and it was hoped that it could be used for future social events.

Julie had updated our website with pictures and these would be included in the Kinross Funding report as requested.

Thanks particularly to Stuart & Judith for creating layered hedging which was much admired.

Paths

We had applied for £772 for the strimmer from the Kinross-shire Fund and had kindly received a cheque from them for £500. Janine advised that there is a problem obtaining batteries at present but our supplier has earmarked one for us. We were to receive a fast charger but will settle for a slow charger (4 hours), the strimmer to be recharged after each use.

General discussion on use of the strimmer: Janine advised that Graham Livingstone had suggested strimming one small area in June, one in July and one in August to take the vigour out of the growth and for us to monitor. It was agreed that we would concentrate on the zone where the fencing will be along the burn on the South West side. Dense undergrowth overwhelms the trees in this area.

Mowing

It was decided that there would be no more “No Mow May” as the grass had become too overgrown, to the detriment of the mower and the mowers!

Keys

It was agreed that Willie would keep the key to the shed and would pass it to Ewan & Hazel if they were away or Lindsey. Janine holds the original key and Stuart & Judith will get a spare.

The strimmer key would be kept in the shed.

The belt on the mower had slipped or broken and was due to be fixed. This was not covered by warranty and we will ask why this might have happened..

**Action: Janine**

Trees

The tree ties in the shed would be put back under the pallet of stakes.

Fencing

Unfortunately, the situation has not changed and Graham Livingstone is still extremely busy until the end of the year. Janine will send him an email. Chris said he knew of somebody who might be able to undertake this. There is also a place in Glenfarg who do fencing and this would be looked into.

Fossoway Gathering

This is being held on 3rd September. We will keep this fairly low key as many committee members are away. It was agreed that we will use Helen’s boards as we did last year and sell baking produce. The Woodland Trust may like to join us as they have a stall in the Farmers Market.

Farmers Market

If we can get enough volunteer’s we would do the market on 26/ 27 August. (Janine to send out an email re this). We would ask Helen & Ian Davidson and new neighbours Jack & Gill to see if they were available. Volunteers so far:

Chris (he has a tow bar and had a friend who might help)

Helena & Willie

Phil

Stuart & Judith

AOCB

Julie advised we have made £7.37 from Amazon purchases.

Our solicitor apologised for the delay regarding the Title Deeds. He is still awaiting vital documents from the other solicitor.

The next meeting will be held on 2nd August at 7.00 pm in the woodland if fine or Fyrish if not. Agreed to alternate between Sundays and weekdays for meeting dates to suit committee members.

| **Dates for 2022** | **Event** |
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| ***Penney’s Wood General Meeting*** | ***2 August*** |
| ***Farmers Market*** | ***26th and 27 August*** |
| ***Fossoway Gathering*** | ***Saturday 3 September*** |