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

**HELD AT FYRISH ON TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.30 PM**

**Present:**

Janine Brodie; Judith Dobson; Chris McCaughey; Lesley Graham; James Graham; Gill Kerr;

**Apologies:**

Helen Cassidy; Hazel Cameron; Julie King; Phil Brewster; Alan Cassidy; Willie Thomson; Helena Thomson; Alastair Kerr; Iain Campbell;

Janine welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Lesley & James Graham - we are pleased to welcome them to the Committee.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

**Paths**

Thanks to the work party in September for the removal and flattening of the molehills and to those on the mowing rota for widening the paths which are looking much better. Chris had found a dead mole and wanted confirmation that we don’t use traps or poison. It was confirmed that we definitely do not.

Winter Work Party

It was agreed that we would have a work party on **Sunday 20 November** (with 27th as back up) to prune crossing or dead branches (chop branches) and to pull up blackthorn which Judith reports is spreading quickly again. She will try and borrow tree poppers from Portmoak Woodland Group again as they made removal much easier. There was a general discussion and it was agreed that annual removal (Autumn & Spring) and treatment with strong Glyphosate would be on-going.

Fencing

Janine advised that Graham Livingstone is no longer able to undertake the fencing work. However, he has passed the job to Graham Wilson who is meeting her in the woodland on Saturday at 9.00 am to view the job. The South fence is the most urgent to replace but it would be difficult because of large tree roots.

Funds

Judith prepared and circulated an interim balance sheet (attached). It was agreed that we could probably manage 2 Farmer’s Markets per year as we are now an experienced team (feedback quoted ‘quick and efficient team’) and they are a regular source of good income.

Fossoway Gathering

This was a successful and busy day with all baking, trees (free) and plants sold giving us a profit of £159.50. We had a good position in the tent and the rota worked well.

AOCB

Andrew Baillie was still chasing J L Wilson for titles. It was agreed that there was little we could do regarding this and would just have to wait.

The meeting closed.

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| **Dates for 2022** | **Event** |
| ***Winter Work Party*** | ***Sunday 20 November (27th back up)*** |
| ***Dates for 2023*** |  |
| ***General Meeting*** | ***Tuesday 14 March 7.30 pm at Fyrish*** |
| ***AGM*** | ***Sunday 22 April 3.30 pm Woodland if fine*** |