

Penney's Community Woodland Meeting 25th August 2025

Present: Janine Brodie (Chair), Judith Dobson (Sec), Marieanne White, Willie Thompson, Alan Cassidy.

Apologies: Hazel Cameron

1. **Previous Minutes and matters arising not on agenda.**

Strimming and Mowing

Janine thanked the volunteers for keeping the paths clear. Willie suggested cutting paths to allow access to pick apples. Janine suggested moving paths away from trees and Alan requested moving obstacles away from the paths.

We now have a key box which contains the key for the container, it should also contain the key for the mower.

ACTION: Willie to put the mower key in the key box

Farmers Market on 22/23 august

Janine thanked Marianna and Helen for advertising for volunteers via posters and social media. Some new people signed up to help. KLEO have paid Penney's Wood £200 for their help.

Julie would like to hand over the web site to Marianna who will be in charge of social media in future.

ACTION Julie to meet with Marianna to hand over management of Penney's Wood web site.

2. Helen has updated posters asking for volunteers. These will be displayed at The Gathering and she'll send the invoice to Judith for payment.

Janine, Hazel, Helena and Gill to provide baking for the stall

ROTA: Janine and Judith to set up from 11:00 – 12:00

Hazel and Janine 12:00 – 1:30

Gill 1:30 – 2:30

Mariaanna 2:30 – 3:30

Take down Judith 3:30 – end

Baking can be handed in to Janine to bring to the stall for 10.30

Judith and Janine to and set up stall 10.30

3. Drystone Wall

Robert Dunlop has offered to continue with construction of the drystone wall in Penney's Wood with 1/2 volunteer helpers at a time. He asked if we could help by moving coping stones nearer to the wall.

He has suggested a case of wine in return for finishing the wall.

ACTION: Willie to confirm with Robert that he is willing to continue to finish the wall and ask how much notice he can give so that we can organise volunteers to help. Willie to organise volunteers as required, find out what preparation Robert is requesting and send out clear instructions to those involved.

ACTION Judith to purchase a case of wine for Robert in return for his work on the wall.

4. **Work Parties**

The next work party will be on 20 September from 10-12 in the Orchard Plot to clear the ground of dead weeds and plant some wild flowers. Cardboard will be laid down as a mulch. Judith will provide some wild flowers, other donations welcome. Amanda James has offered to source some native bluebells for planting there and Catherine Lloyd (Tayside Biodiversity Partnership) has offered fruit trees, shrubs and wildflower seeds for planting in the orchard annex and Penney's Wood (timescale currently unknown).

5. **Date of next meeting**

15 October 20025 to discuss progress with the wall and organise a winter work party to coppice the trees in the woodland and construct a dead hedge.

