

# Maryburgh Community Woodland Group

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 @ 6.30pm

Maryburgh Amenities Centre

MINUTE of meeting.		ACTION:
1.	<p><b>Welcomes and Apologies</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Attendees:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Craig Evans</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Ian Fraser</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Siobhan Fraser</b></li> <li>➤ <b>John MacKay (MAC rep)</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Rosie Macleod</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Ewan McHardy</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Elsbeth Neil</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Jim Neil</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Megan Parker</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Donald Stuart (CC rep)</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>MP</b> welcomed attendees to the meeting.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>Approval of minute of 09.03.23 &amp; Review of actions from previous meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>MP</b> asked for approval of the minute dated: 09.03.23 Minute Approved by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Proposer: <b>Donald Stuart</b></li> <li>➤ Seconder: <b>Craig Evans</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Review of Actions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>DS</b> has already been in touch with the Ross-shire Journal, and they have agreed to write an article about the Woodland development.</li> <li>▪ <b>MP</b> to circulate information on the funding and accompanying guidance – Carry to next meeting. She has sent the funding registration form to MAC and is awaiting its completion. <b>JMacK</b> will chase it up.</li> <li>▪ <b>JMacK</b> has been observing the drey, but there appears to be no sign of life. <b>EN</b> and <b>SF</b> gave similar reports.</li> <li>▪ <b>MP</b> will continue to chase up Nick Richards to make modifications to the license</li> <li>▪ <b>MP</b> is still in negotiations with an ecologist to do a mammal survey.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>DS</b> will continue to communicate with the Ross-shire Journal and prepare an article for inclusion.</p> <p><b>MP</b> to circulate information on the funding and accompanying guidance.</p> <p><b>JMacK</b> to chase up the registration form with the MAC committee for completion to receive future funding from Scottish Government Rural Payments.</p> <p><b>MP</b> to chase up Nick Richards to make modifications to the license.</p> <p><b>MP</b> to negotiate with an ecologist</p>

			to do a mammal survey.
3.	Update from Woodland walk through & visit from the surveyor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>SF &amp; IF</b> informed the Group that they accompanied the surveyor on a walkthrough of the Woodland. He identified the two trees the Group couldn't find: 290 and 515. He informed them that tree 290, an oak, was actually half alive but would have to be monitored regularly. He suggested it could be topped and left in the wood.</li> <li>▪ He had informed them that the many seedlings of Western Hemlock should be more of a concern and priority than the many Beech seedlings, as this species would outgrow many other trees in the woodland.</li> </ul>	
4.	Funding/grants/ budgeting/accounts/ etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It was agreed that this agenda item would be carried to the next meeting.</li> </ul>	
5.	Works required/ongoing in the woods. ➤ Hazard Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>CE</b> informed the group that he had discussed the additional work with Simon Logan. However, Simon seemed to think the original quote he gave would remain the same.</li> <li>▪ <b>EN</b> said that Paul Sharpe had offered to do a walk through of the wood to examine what additional work was required and that he would be back in touch when he could do that. However, he had given no additional price.</li> <li>▪ After some discussion it was agreed that <b>CE</b> would go back to Simon Logan to get a more detailed quote for all the work needing to be carried out and to get confirmation of his certificates. <b>EN</b> agreed to wait until she hears back from Paul.</li> </ul>	<b>CE</b> to go back to Simon Logan to get a more detailed quote for all the work needing to be carried out and to get confirmation of his certificates.
6.	Woodland Management Plan Development and Community Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>EN</b> had circulated the final draft of the consultation document and MP had arranged with the Yellow Cherry Company to print 600 copies, which she brought already printed to the meeting.</li> <li>▪ <b>IF</b> informed the Group that he had set up a Community Woodland page on the Maryburgh Hub website. He will place the online version of the consultation document onto the site which will go live on 31<sup>st</sup> of March.</li> </ul>	<b>IF</b> will place the online version of the consultation document onto the website and make it live on 31 <sup>st</sup> of March.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There followed discussion about the distribution of the questionnaire, and it was agreed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>RMacL &amp; EN</b> would fold the documents and pass them to <b>EMcH</b> for distribution by <b>EMcH, CE, JMack &amp; DS</b> on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of April which will give participants two weeks for completion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Questionnaire to be distributed on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of April.
7.	<b>AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>EMcH</b> intimated that he had been tending to the area of the Woodland directly opposite his home, ensuring the grass was cut and the area was kept tidy. He wanted to know if the members of the Group were still happy for him to do this.</li> <li>▪ Everyone agreed that they were happy for this arrangement to continue.</li> </ul>	
8.	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Everyone present, agreed to meet again on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of April at 7pm.</li> </ul>	<b>EN</b> to contact Steph about the hall booking.