

Maryburgh Community Woodland Group

Thursday 1st June 2023 @ 7.00pm

Maryburgh Amenities Centre

MINUTE of meeting.		ACTION:
1.	<p>Welcomes and Apologies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Craig Evans ➤ Ian Fraser ➤ Siobhan Fraser ➤ John MacKay (MAC rep) ➤ Rosie Macleod ➤ Ewan McHardy ➤ Elsbeth Neil ➤ Jim Neil ➤ Megan Parker ➤ Donald Stuart (CC rep) ▪ Apologies: ▪ MP welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2.	<p>Approval of minute of 30.03.23 & Review of actions from previous meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MP asked for approval of the minute dated: 27.04.23 Minute Approved by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposer: Ian Fraser ➤ Seconder: Craig Evans Review of Actions: ▪ MP informed the group that the registration form for funding for the development plan had been completed and that MP was preparing the application including a summary of the consultation and a map of the Woodland. Once this is completed MP will prepare the development plan. ▪ Nick Richards contacted MP to confirm that the Group had extra time to replace the trees which are to be felled. ▪ MP has yet to hear back from the companies who make the tree protectors. ▪ EN informed the Group that she will email Counsellor Maclean and Diane Agnew to ask for assistance and advice on how much the Group can request from the discretionary funding. ▪ The Group agreed that a social event should be organised to bring together members of

EN to contact Cllr. MacLean and Diane Agnew.

		<p>other woodland groups. This topic should be kept on the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EN informed the Group that she had sent emails to UHI Forestry School and the Dingwall Academy Rural Skills course highlighting the work of the Group and inviting them to become involved. So far, she has had no response. ▪ MP still to find out more about the National Community Woodland Group 	<p>EN to keep the social event on the agenda.</p> <p>EN will continue to pursue contact with the UHI Forestry School and the Dingwall Academy Rural Skills course.</p> <p>MP to find out more about the National Community Woodland Group.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Update on work already undertaken and plan for next steps.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CE confirmed that the two dangerous clumps of trees had been felled. Simon Logan would be sending through an updated quote for the remaining 18 trees. He had agreed to give the Group a discount for the felling. ▪ DS informed the Group that the MAC committee had agreed to cover the cost of the felling until the funding had come into the Woodland Group. This would ensure that Simon Logan would be paid without waiting for the funding to come into the Woodland Group's account. 	<p>CE to send around the updated quote from Simon Logan.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Funding/grants/ budgeting/accounts/ etc</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EN indicated that at present there were two funding options: the Discretionary Funding from Highland Council and the Co-Op funding stream highlighted by SF. However, the Co-Op application must be completed by the 11th of June. ▪ EN & MP agreed to meet to prepare the Co-Op application. ▪ DS highlighted that the SPA stores and TESCO also offer similar funding opportunities. 	<p>EN & MP to meet to prepare the Co-Op application.</p>

5.	Community Consultation responses & analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MP thanked IF & SF for collating and analysing the consultation documentation. She said that the results of the consultation will form the basis of all the funding applications. ▪ IF asked where the documentation should be stored. EN agreed to keep the paperwork. 	
6.	Development of Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MP said that she had already started preparing the development plan for the Maryburgh Community Woodland. 	
7.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SF asked about the ecological survey and highlighted that she had noticed that Yellow Archangel was actually growing in the Woodland. ▪ MP said that we would still require to commission a survey to be done and that the survey would pick up any species which would have to be addressed. 	
8.	Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EN was asked to try and arrange a meeting for early July. 	EN to contact Steph about the hall booking.