

Maryburgh Community Woodland Group

Wednesday 22nd November 2023 @ 7.00pm

Maryburgh Amenities Centre

| | MINUTE of meeting. | | ACTION: |
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| 1. | <p>Welcomes and Apologies</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ian Fraser ➤ Siobhan Fraser ➤ Rosie Macleod ➤ Ewan McHardy ➤ Elsbeth Neil ➤ Donald Stuart (CC rep) ▪ Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Craig Evans ➤ John MacKay (MAC rep) ➤ Jim Neil ➤ Megan Parker (Chair) ▪ As MP was absent from the meeting EN chaired the proceedings. | |
| 2. | <p>Approval of minute of 28.09.23 & Review of actions from previous meeting</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EN asked for approval of the minute dated: 28.09.23 <li style="margin-left: 20px;">Minute Approved by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposer: Rosie MacLeod ➤ Seconder: Siobhan Fraser Review of Actions: ▪ EN will try again to raise the issue of dog waste bins. ▪ Following on from discussion about raising awareness of our page on the Maryburgh Hub website, IF informed the group that there was a function at the bottom of the News page of the website where anyone can subscribe to receive any updates on the website. ▪ EN said that she had received confirmation from the school that they were happy to run the logo competition through the school. ██████████ ██████████ of Dynam was kindly working on a flyer for the school detailing the parameters of the competition. ▪ It was agreed that the competition should be for P6 & P7 pupils. EMcH agreed to contact ██████████ at the Cottage Bar to ask if they would consider sponsoring the competition. | <p>EN to ask once again about dog waste bins.</p> <p>EN to continue liasing with the school and ██████████ and EMcH to contact the Cottage Bar re sponsorship.</p> |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DS informed the group that a Fair Work Policy for MAC would be discussed at the MAC board meeting on the 23rd of November. EN emphasised that this would be an essential policy for future funding applications. ▪ The CWA had informed her of the opening of the Nature Restoration Fund which doesn't close until January 2024. MP agreed to investigate how best to access this funding. (To remain on the agenda) | <p>DS to raise the Fair Work Policy for MAC at MAC Board meeting.</p> <p>MP to investigate how to access the Nature Restoration Fund</p> |
| <p>3.</p> | <p>Funding/Grants/ Banking arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>SGRPID registration</i> • <i>HC Discretionary Fund</i> • <i>HC Regeneration Fund Full Application</i> • <i>Nature Restoration Fund</i> • <i>Scottish Forestry Community Fund</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EN updated the group on funding applications as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We are now registered with SGRPID and therefore we will get £1,000 towards the preparation of the Woodland Management Plan. ➤ We have received £800 from Highland Council's Discretionary Fund. RMcL said that the treasurer of MAC had confirmed that the £800 had been paid into the account. However, RMcL said that although the name on the bank account had changed to the Woodland account, she still had no access to the account. DS agreed to raise this at the MAC meeting on the 23rd to ensure RMcL had full access to the Woodland account. ➤ EN informed the group that the deadline for the Regeneration Fund was this coming Friday (24th), and as there was no Fair Work First policy in place and that the application was unable to be completed, we would be unable to proceed with this application. ➤ The deadline date for applications for the Nature Restoration Fund is 22nd January 2024. MP had agreed to consider if we were at the stage of being able to apply for this fund and as she was absent from the meeting it was agreed to keep this on the agenda. ➤ The application for funding for equipment for the woodland clean-up was approved and the equipment was purchased by MP. To claim the money all receipts must be collated and sent along with the monitoring form by the 29th of February 2024. MP to send the receipts to EN for completion of the form. | <p>DS to discuss with MAC Board approved access to the Woodland account for RMcL.</p> <p>MP to send the receipts to EN for completion of the form.</p> |

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| 4. | Felling Update & Replanting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SF confirmed that most of the designated dangerous trees were now felled, however tree number 510 was across an informal path which wasn't used and 515 was partially down, but once again was not impeding any route. The Sitka had been left as a snag. ▪ As MP was absent from the meeting it was agreed to leave discussion about replanting until the January meeting. | EN to add replanting to the agenda in January. |
| 5. | Development of Management Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As MP is absent from the meeting, this should be discussed in January. | Keep the Development of the Management Plan on the agenda. |
| 6. | Review of 2nd of November social event | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All present agreed that this had been an extremely worthwhile event, and that this type of information sharing should be repeated next year. ▪ EN informed the group that she would be attending a similar event at the Abriachan Forest the following Sunday (26th). | |
| 7. | Formalising links with Men Shed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There followed a discussion about the Group's links with the men shed. The clean up day in the woodland had been a success with the partnership from the Men Shed and the wood left from the felling of the trees had been removed and stored by the Men Shed members. ▪ It was agreed that formal arrangements and protocols for reporting and dealing with issues within the Woodland should be agreed, along with formal arrangements with the Men Shed. ▪ It was agreed that members of the Men Shed should be invited to the Woodland Group meeting in January. | EN to invite [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to the January meeting. |
| 8. | AOCB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IF informed the group that he would be carrying out an investigation into the drainage issues within the Woodland over the next few weeks. | |
| 9. | Date of next meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EN confirmed that the next meeting would be arranged for the end of January. | EN to contact Steph to book the hall. |