

Maryburgh Community Woodland Group

Thursday 27th June 2024 @ 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"> ➤ Ian Fraser ➤ Siobhan Fraser ➤ Rosie MacLeod ➤ Elsbeth Neil ➤ Jim Neil ➤ Megan Parker (Chair) ➤ Gareth Parkinson ➤ Donald Stuart (CC rep) ▪ Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Craig Evans ➤ John MacKay (MAC rep) ➤ Ewan McHardy ▪ MP welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2.	<p>Approval of minute of 30.05.24 & Review of actions from previous meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MP asked for approval of the minute dated: 30.05.24 Minute Approved by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposer: Jim Neil ➤ Seconder: Siobhan Fraser Review of Actions: ▪ RMacL has now received a cheque book for the account and informed the group that there was £1798.90 in the account. DS suggested that he, along with RMacL and the MAC treasurer should have a meeting to discuss the possibility of using online banking. ▪ EMcH to continue to investigate possible Community Benefit funding sources. ▪ RMacL informed the group that the artist would be willing to do the drawings as long as we can wait until winter. ▪ EN contacted Pat Black Solicitors to enquire about the deeds and access rights. Pat informed her that the application is still with Registers of Scotland.

DS to arrange a meeting with **RMacL** and **MAC** treasurer to discuss online banking.

EMcH to continue to investigate the Community Benefit funding sources.

RMacL to continue to liaise with the local artist.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ She sent a copy of the Disposition Deed which was granted. Pat unfortunately hasn't replied to the question about access rights. ▪ DS informed the group that the MAC committee are happy to go ahead with paying for the tree survey. EN agreed to arrange the survey to be carried out. ▪ It was agreed that the funding sub-committee should meet to discuss what funding was required and which sources to apply to. Date set for Wednesday 10th July at number 74. 	<p>EN to arrange for the tree survey to be carried out.</p> <p>Funding Group meeting. 10th July.</p>
3.	<p>Invasive Species Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MP welcomed Gareth Parkinson to the meeting to lead on the discussion about how to address the invasive species in the Woodland. ▪ GP informed the group that he had past experience of dealing with invasive species whilst working with the National Trust for Scotland. He is a Forester and presently works for Scottish Forestry. ▪ Gareth said that he is happy to help and will lead on a Community event which will highlight the invasive species in the Woodland. ▪ He indicated that it would be best to do this when things are in flower and therefore Saturday 17th of August was chosen as the preferred date. ▪ It was suggested that the event could possibly take the form of a children's treasure hunt where the species could be identified. ▪ RMacL agreed to ask for prizes from her contact. ▪ A flyer should be prepared promoting the event and posted around the areas closest to the Woodland. ▪ GP & MP highlighted that funding could be sought from the Scottish Forestry Community Fund to purchase hand tools or even to access training in non-native species. ▪ GP suggested that a mapping of the non-native species should be undertaken first, and it was agreed that the group should be involved in this process. The date chosen for the walk around is Saturday 27th of July at 10am. 	<p>RMacL to ask for prizes for the event from her contact.</p> <p>All Group Members: Walk through of wood mapping non-native species on Saturday 27th of July at 10am.</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SF said that she had prepared a detailed map highlighting specific species in the woodland and that GP could use this to prepare the non-native species mapping. She would send the link to EN to pass to GP. 	<p>SF to send map link to EN to pass to GP.</p>
4.	Fly-tipping Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was highlighted that two of the signs which were erected about the disposal of garden waste had been removed from the wood and that more garden waste had been dumped. ▪ After some discussion, it was agreed that the non-native species event, if publicised well, may go some way to educating the community about the issue fly-tipping can cause. ▪ As the signs were on posts hammered into the ground it was easy for them to be removed, so there followed a discussion about the signage requirements for the wood. This should be put on the agenda for the next meeting. 	<p>EN to put signage onto the agenda for the next meeting.</p>
5.	Woodland Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MP informed the group that the plan had been approved and that the group had received the £1000. ▪ MP asked IF to upload a summary of the Plan to the website to announce the planned developments to the community. ▪ The Group should now follow the agreed schedule of operations at the back of the plan. ▪ MP is mapping out regeneration work, but is still awaiting permission from Nick Richards at Highland Council. 	<p>IF to upload a summary of the Plan to the website.</p>
6.	Flood Plan/Rain Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EN said that a member of the community had sent her the water board plans detailing where the water main pipe cut through the woodland. She had passed these on to IF. ▪ IF & MP had updated their drawings with this new information, and MP had submitted a Prior-notification to Highland Council. ▪ After discussion there is still some doubt as to whether the Group will require planning permission for the SUDS devices. 	



7.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ It was felt by all present, that GP would be a huge asset to the Group and he kindly agreed to join the Maryburgh Community Woodland Group.	
8.	Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ EN confirmed that the next meeting would take the form of the woodland mapping walk through on Saturday 27th of July with a formal hall meeting on Thursday 29th August.	EN to contact Steph to book the hall.

